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#### About this record

This file contains correspondence between British officials concerning two foreign trips made by Shaikh Muhammad bin Isa al-Khalifa, a brother of Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Ruler of Bahrain.

The two trips discussed are a visit that Shaikh Muhammad made to the United States of America in 1939 as a guest of Standard Oil Company of California (folios 2-3) and a private visit made to London in 1932 during which it was arranged for him to meet King George V (folios 4-47).

In addition to internal correspondence between British officials, the file contains two hand written letters that were sent by Shaikh Muhammad to John Gilbert Laithwaite of the India Office in June 1932 (folios 31-32).

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Persian Gulf

SUB-HEAD

Bahrein

Visit to London of Sheikh's brother

" America "

Notes : Coll. 30/125. Visit of the Sheikh of Bahrain  
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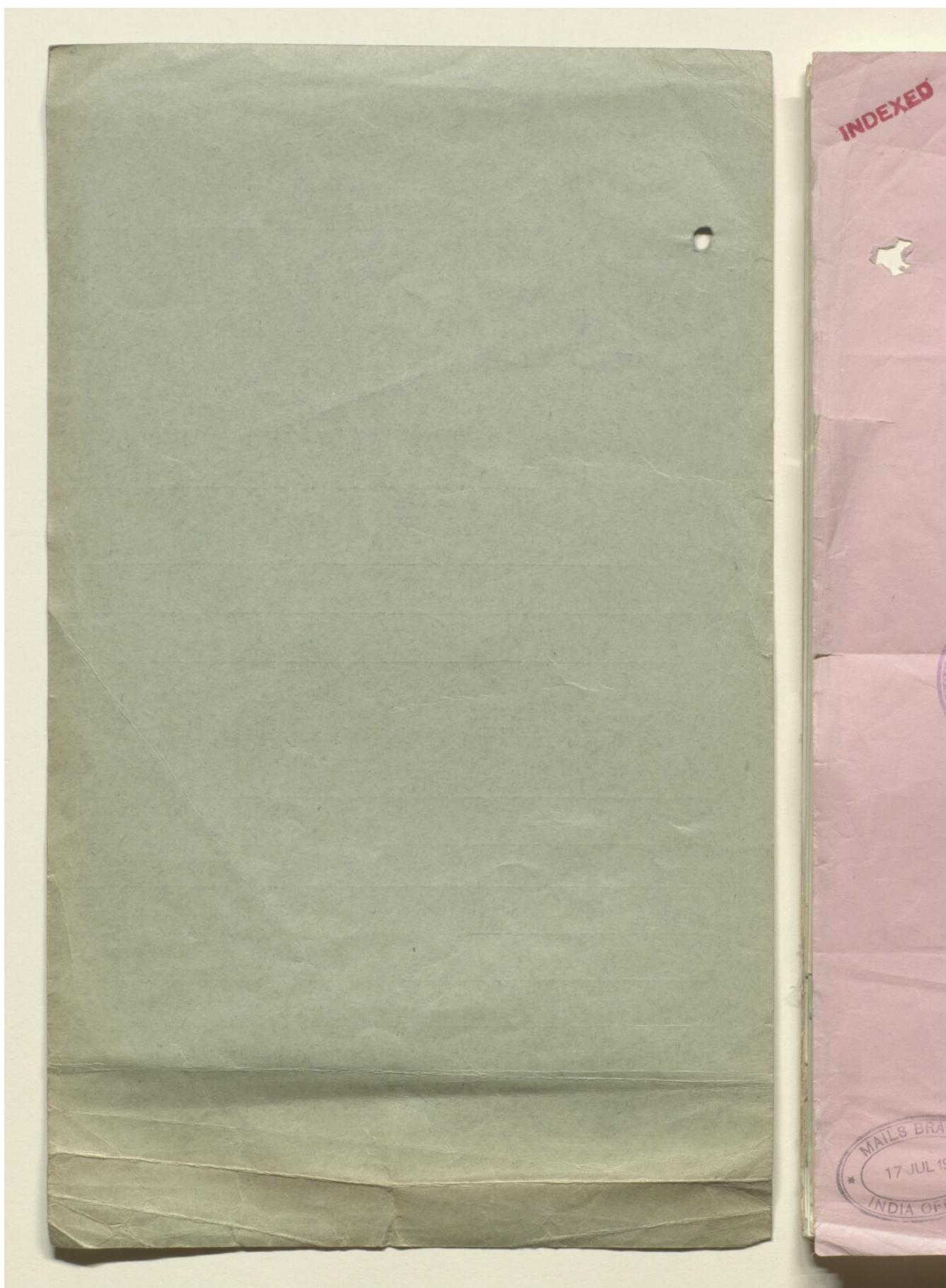
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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

1. His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,  
London.

2. The Secretary to the Government of India,  
External Affairs Department,  
Simla,

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document for information.

2. Shaikh Mohamed is the brother of the Ruler of Bahrain.

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British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE.

4th July, 1939.  
Dated.....

Reference to previous correspondence :



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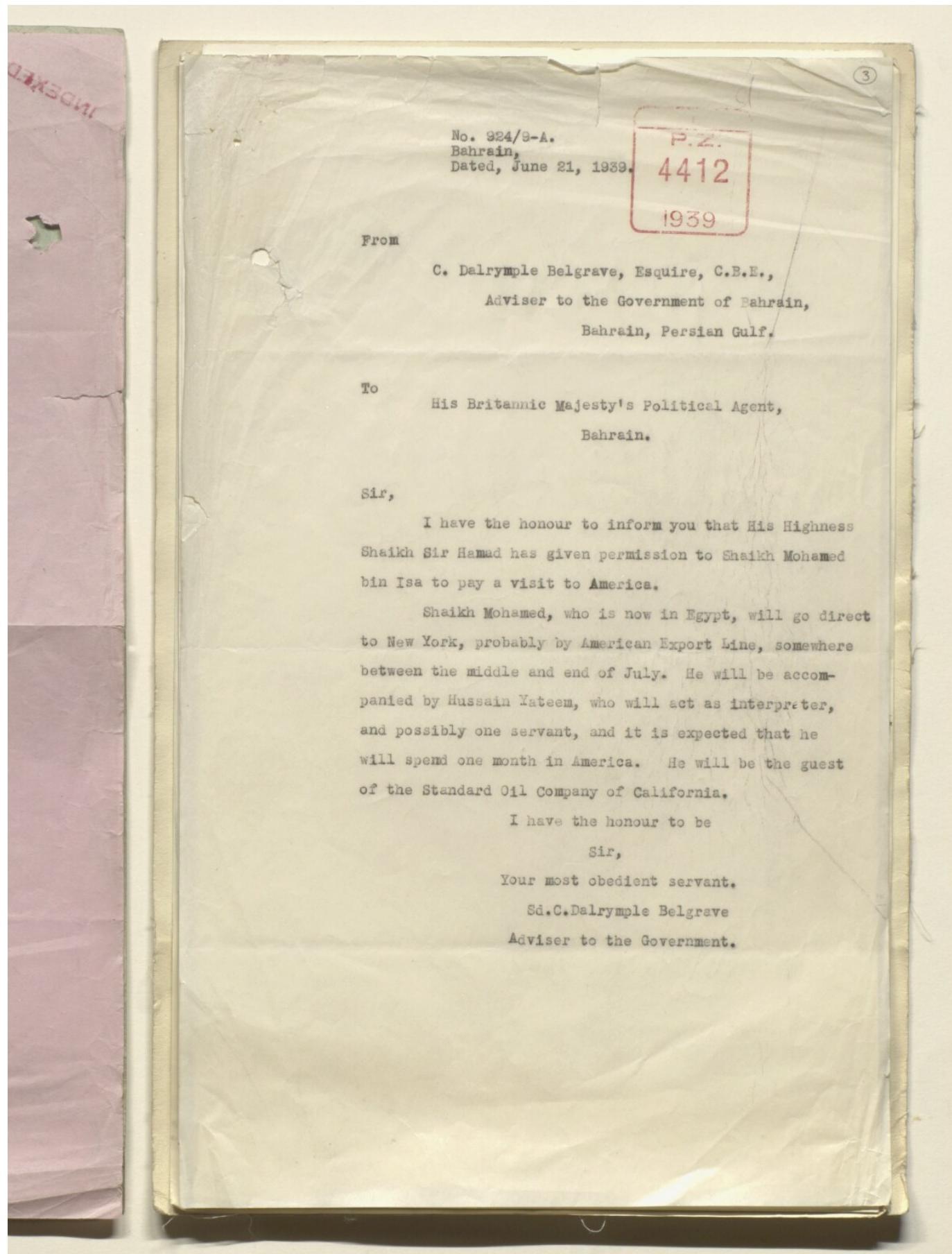
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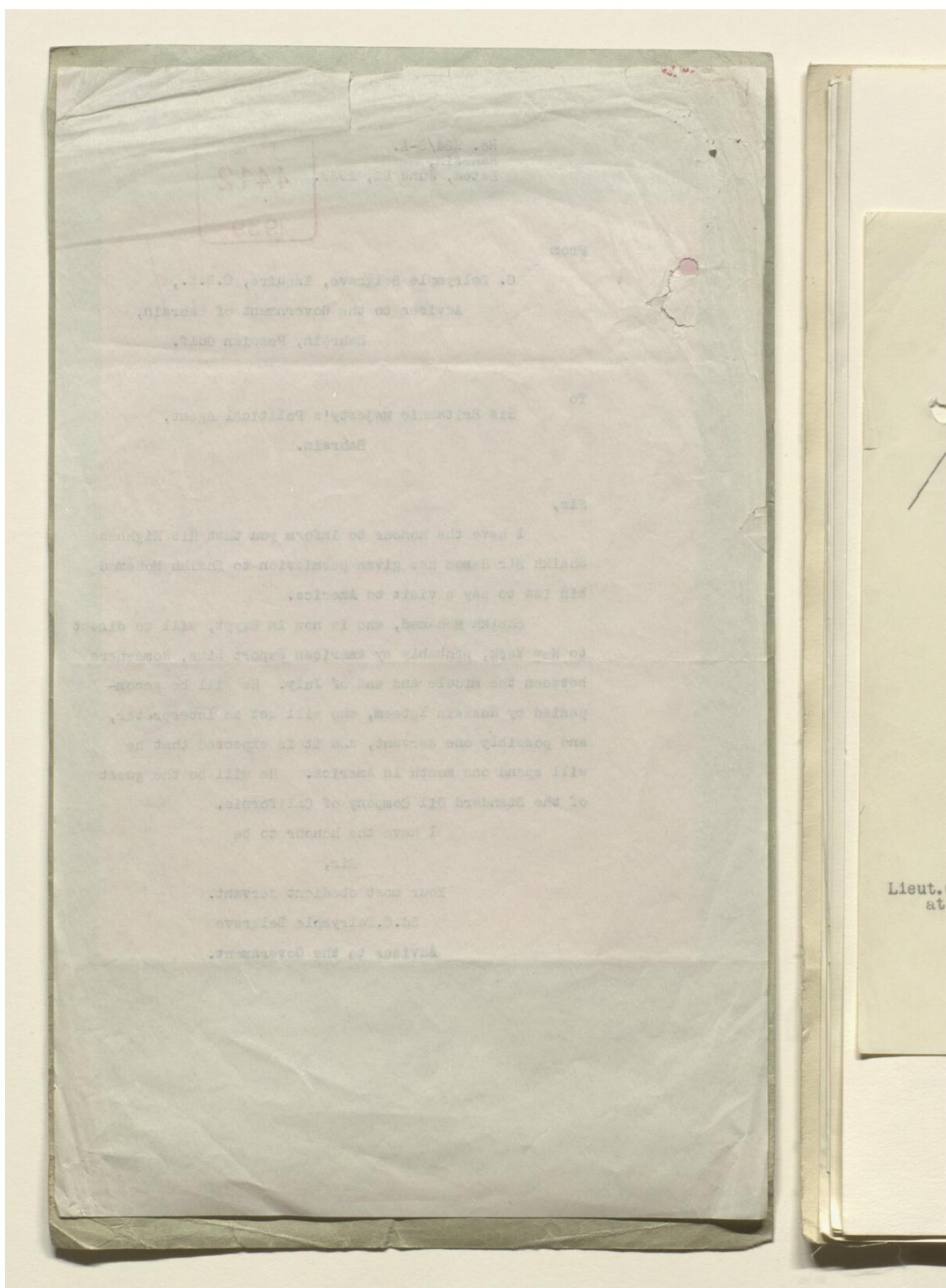
Letter No. 924/9-A of the  
21st June 1939 from the  
Adviser to the Government of  
Bahrain to the Political  
Agent, Bahrain.

Shaikh Mohamed bin Isa's  
visit to America.









Lieut.  
at



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INDIA OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W. 1.

P.G. 3  
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3rd August 1932.

My dear Loch,

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st August. I now enclose an amended draft.

The succession to the Residency is not yet finally settled. I will let you know as soon as a decision is taken.

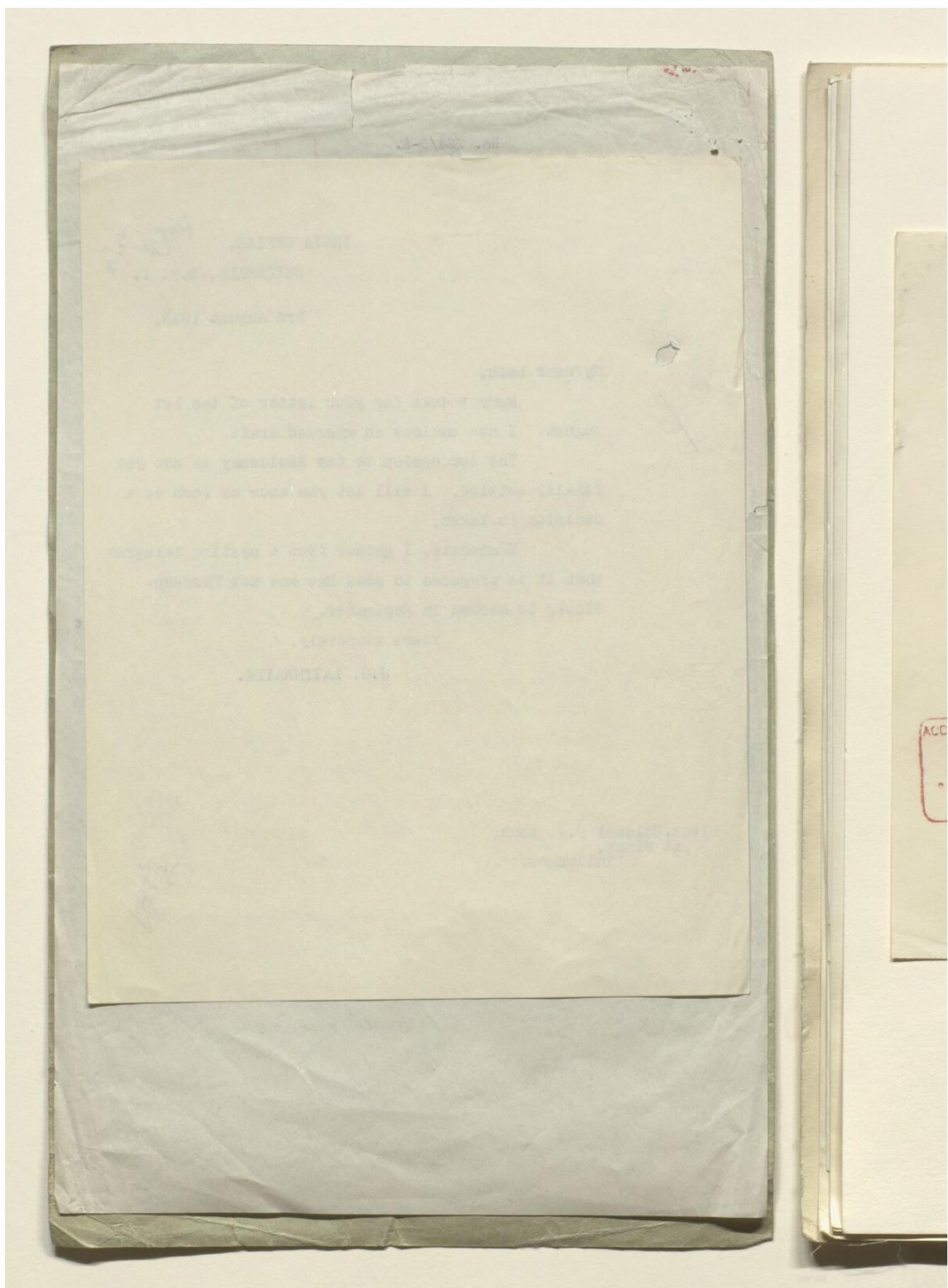
Meanwhile, I gather from a posting telegram that it is proposed to send Rae and not Thomson-Glover to Meshed in September.

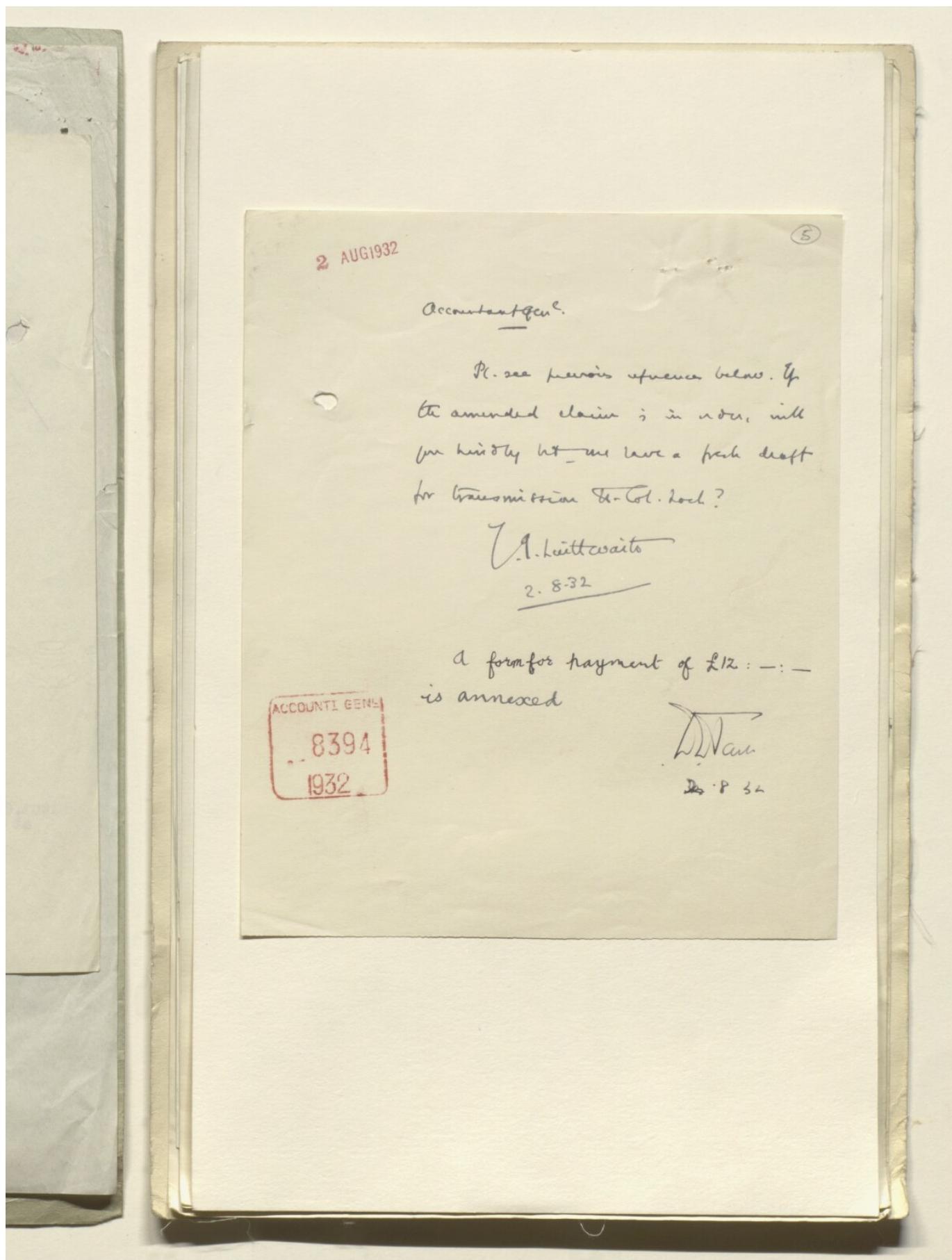
Yours sincerely,

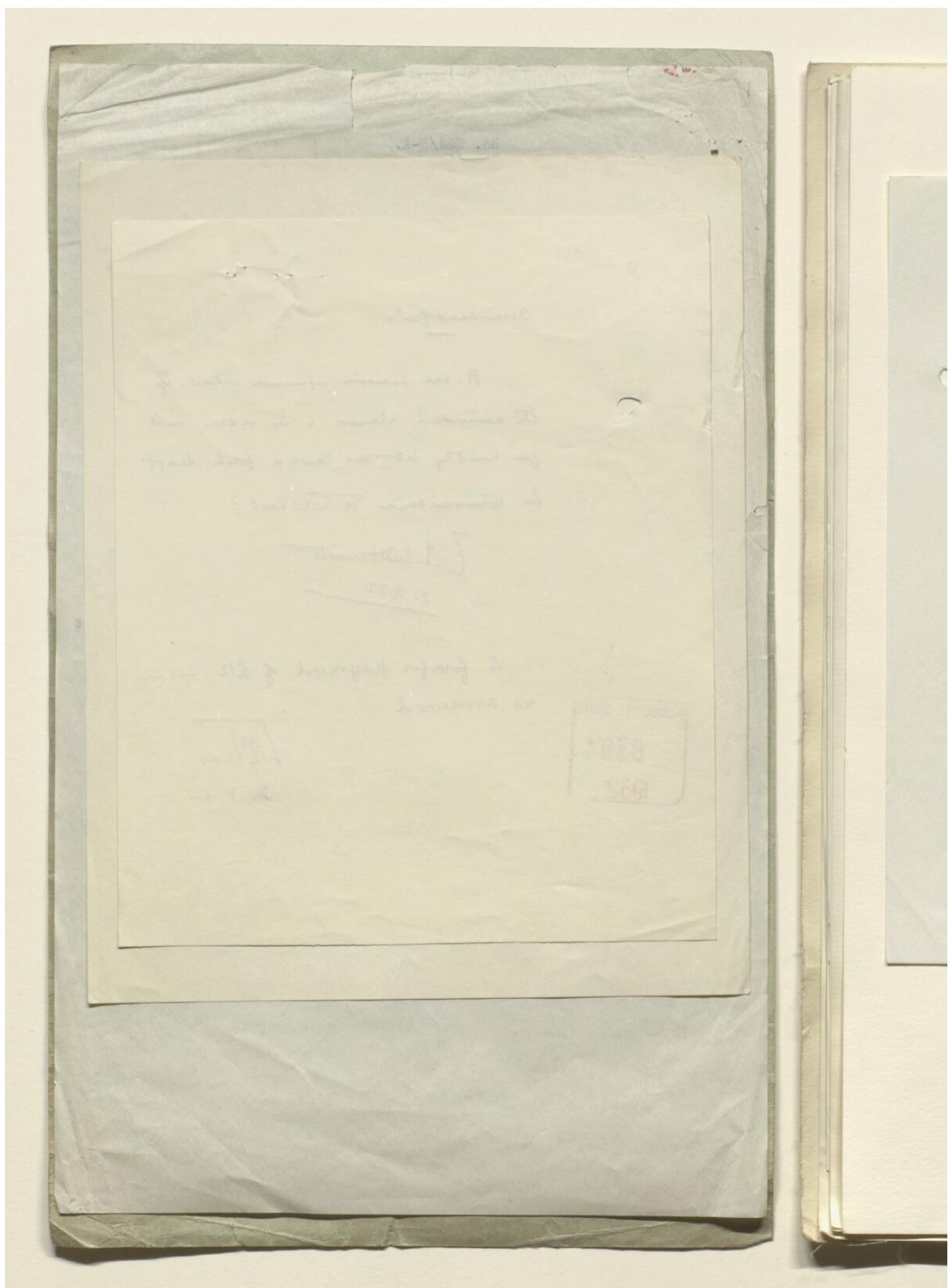
J.G. LAITHWAITE.

Lieut. Colonel P.G. Loch,  
at Binns,  
Linlithgow.











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At Binns, Linlithgow

August 1st 1932

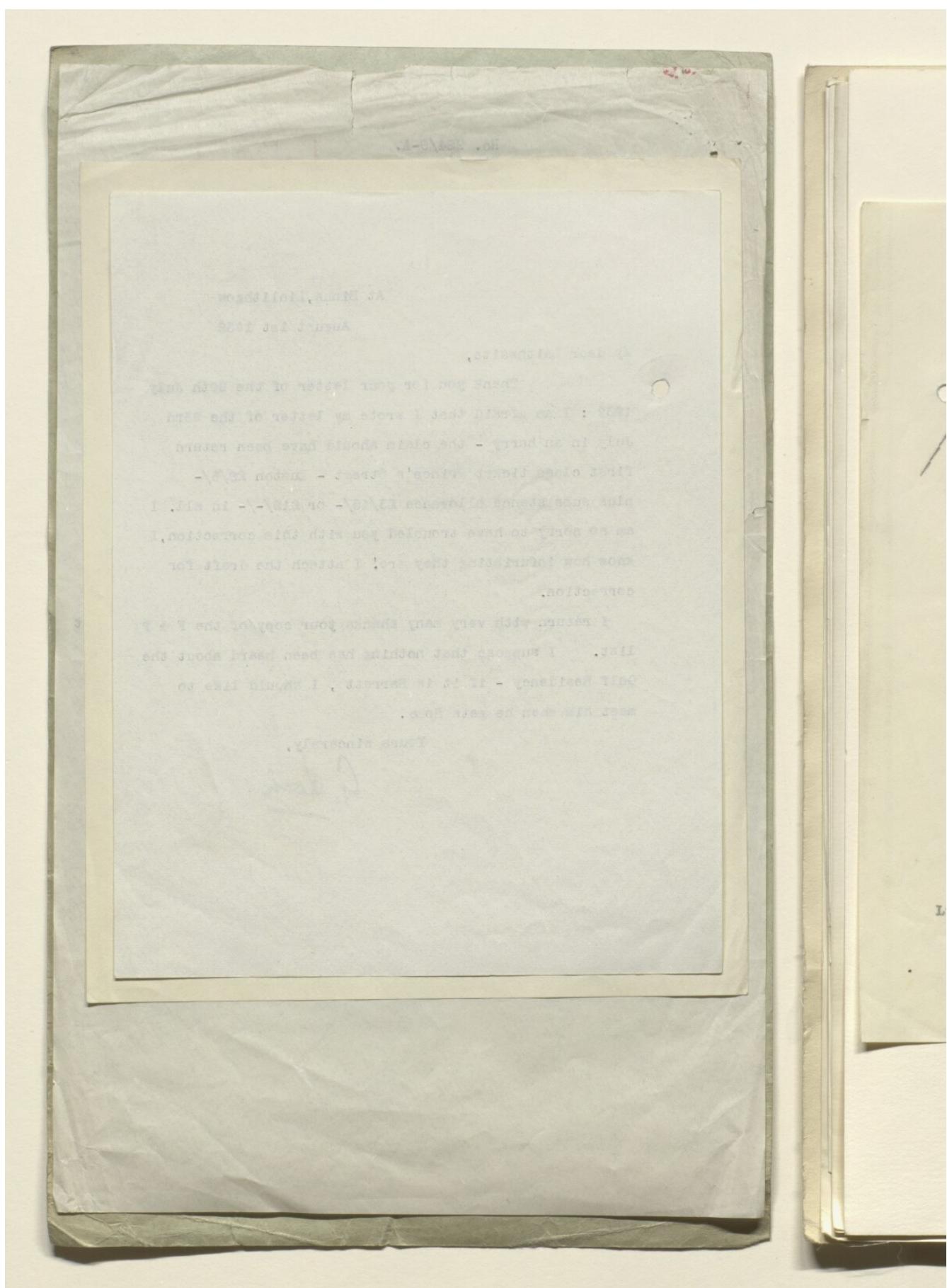
My dear Laithwaite,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th July 1932 : I am afraid that I wrote my letter of the 23rd July in an hurry - the claim should have been return first class ticket Prince's Street - Euston £8/5/- plus subsistence allowance £3/15/- or £12/-/- in all. I am so sorry to have troubled you with this correction, I know how infuriating they are! I attach the draft for correction.

I return with very many thanks your copy of the F & P list. I suppose that nothing has been heard about the Gulf Residency - if it is Barrett , I should like to meet him when he gets Home.

Yours sincerely,

*G. Doch*





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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITSHALL, S.W.1.

29th July 1932.

My dear Loch,

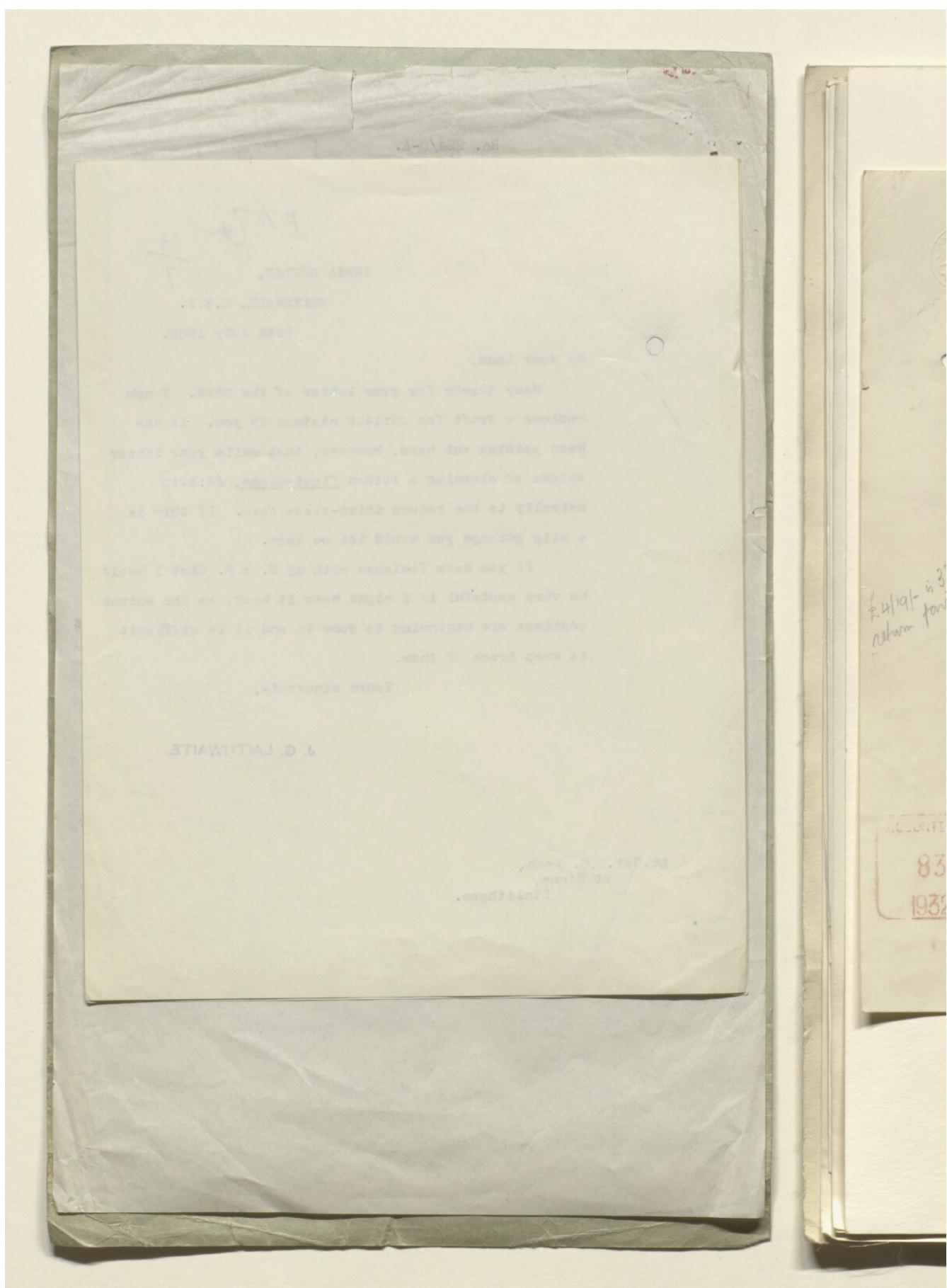
Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd. I now enclose a draft for £8:14:0 claimed by you. It has been pointed out here, however, that while your letter speaks of claiming a return first-class, £4:19:0 actually is the return third-class fare. If this is a slip perhaps you would let me know.

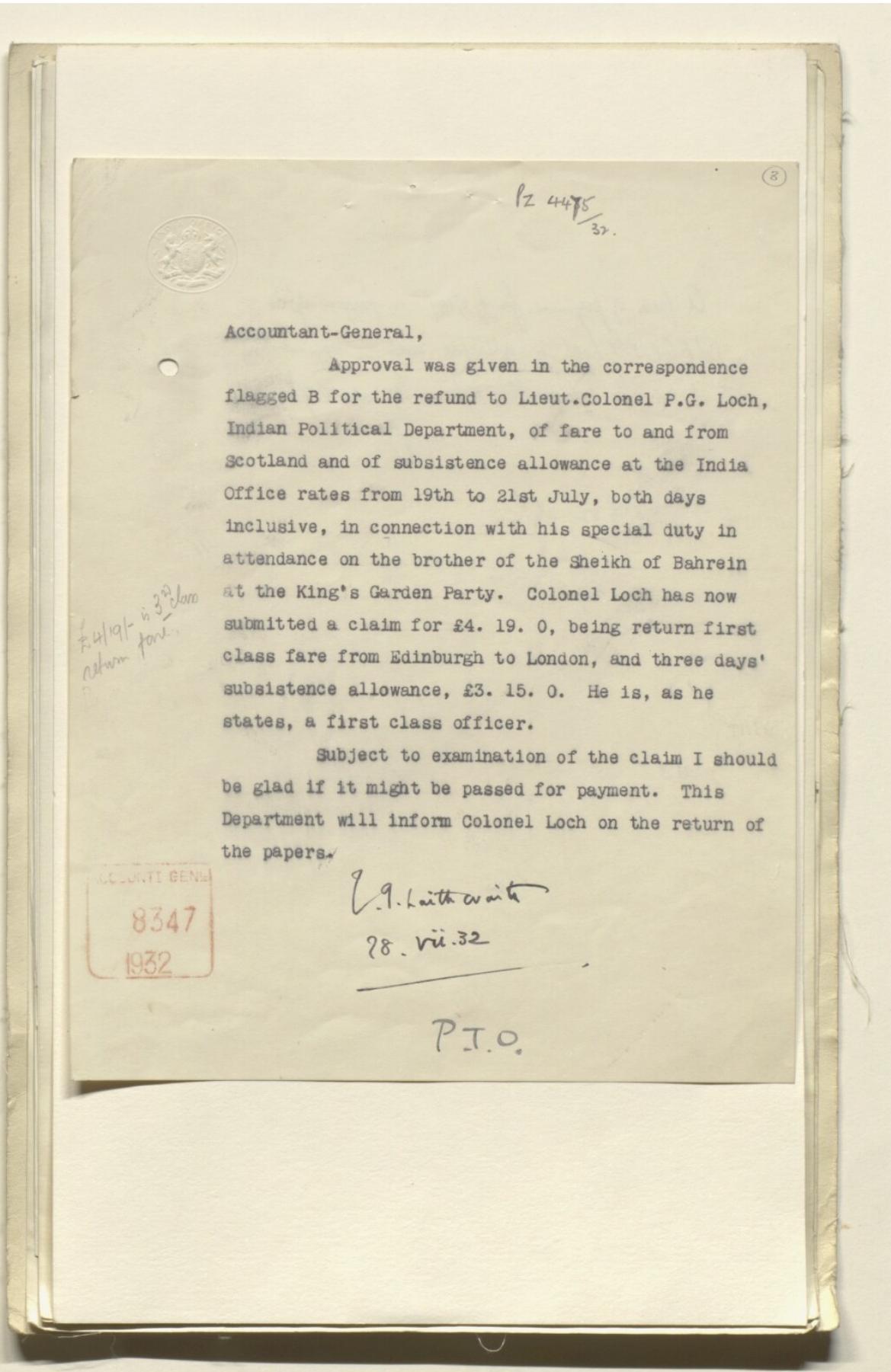
If you have finished with my F. & P. List I would be very grateful if I might have it back, as the autumn postings are beginning to come in and it is difficult to keep track of them.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. LAITHWAITE.

Lt.Col.P.G. Loch,  
at Binns,  
Linlithgow.



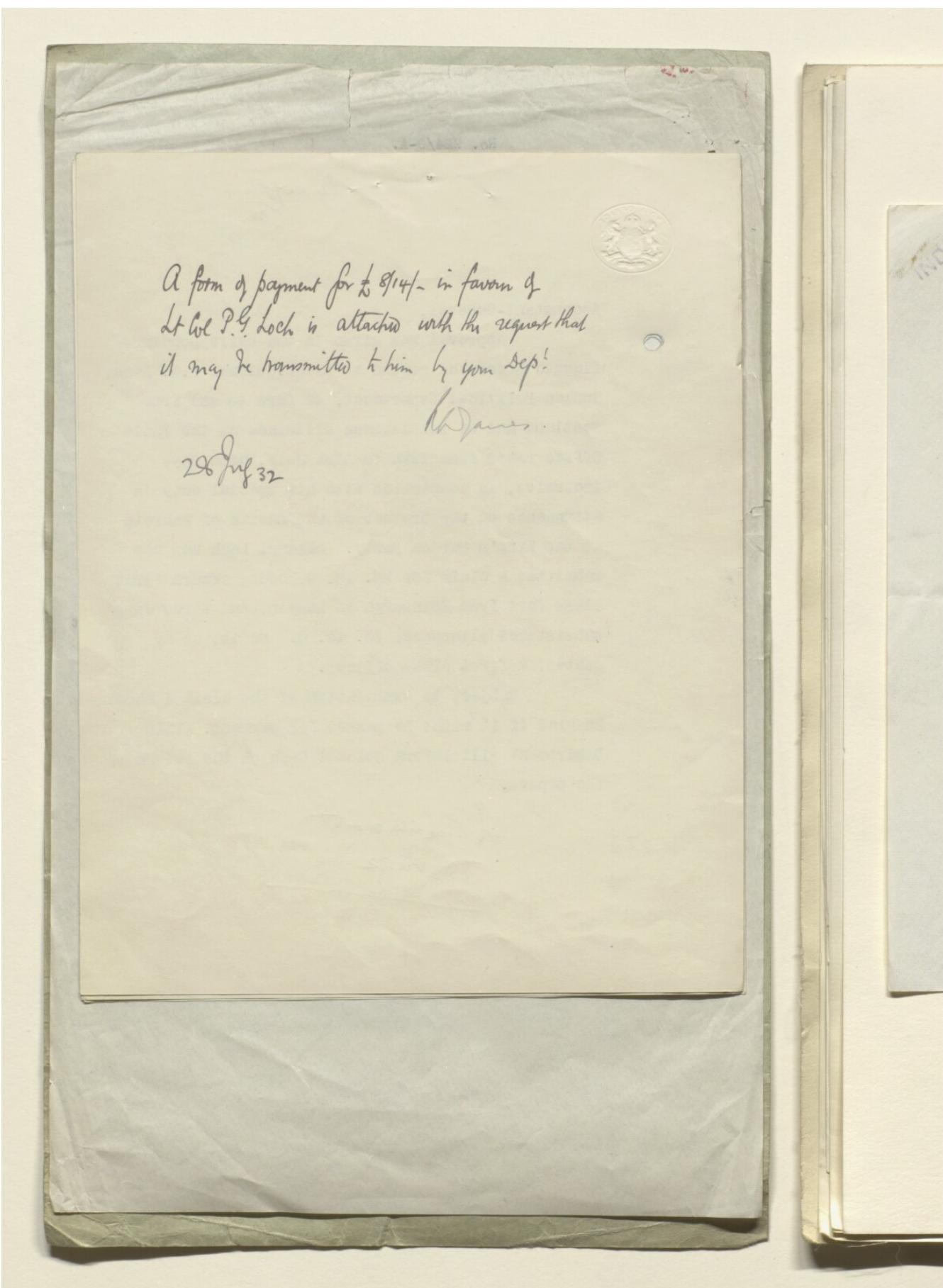


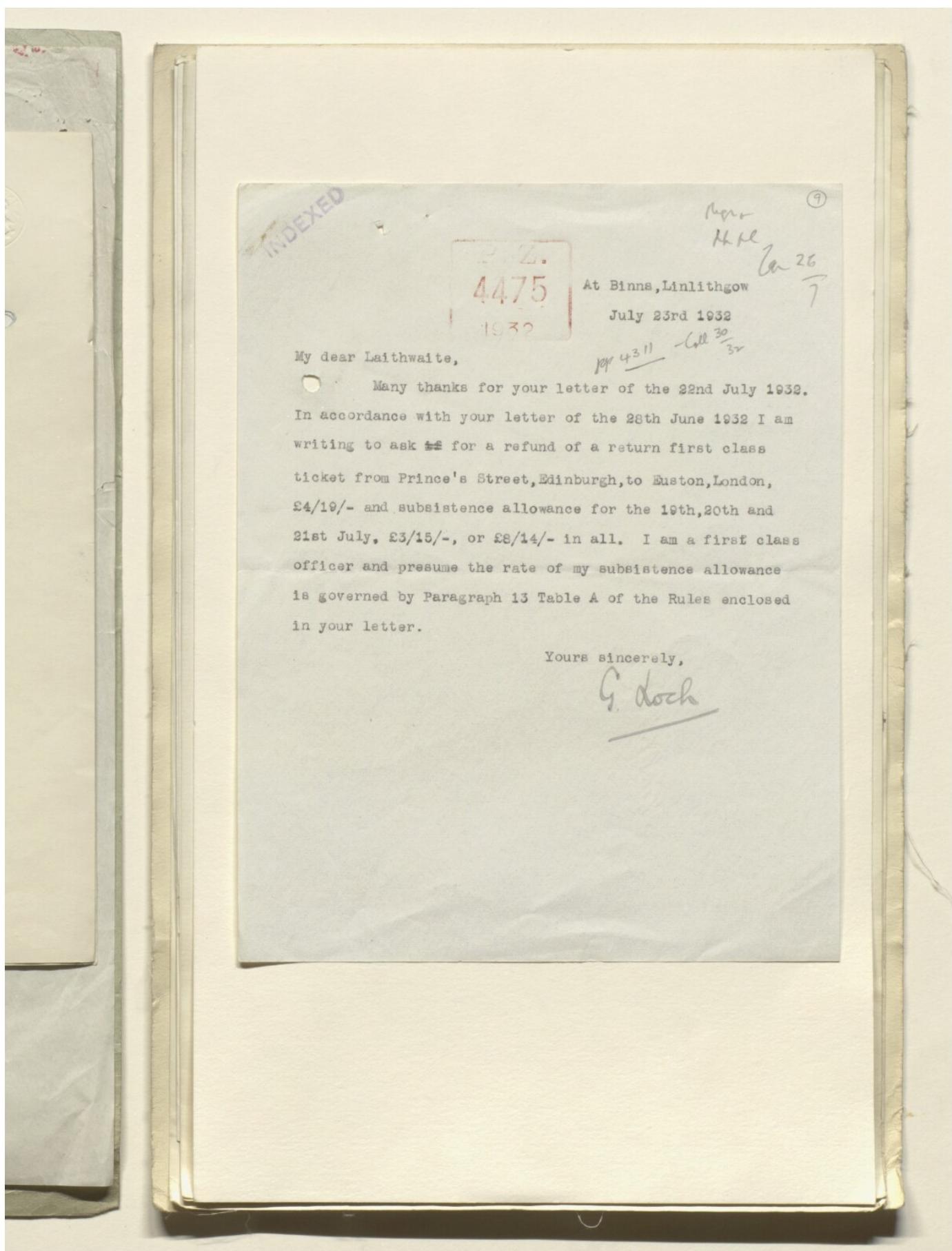


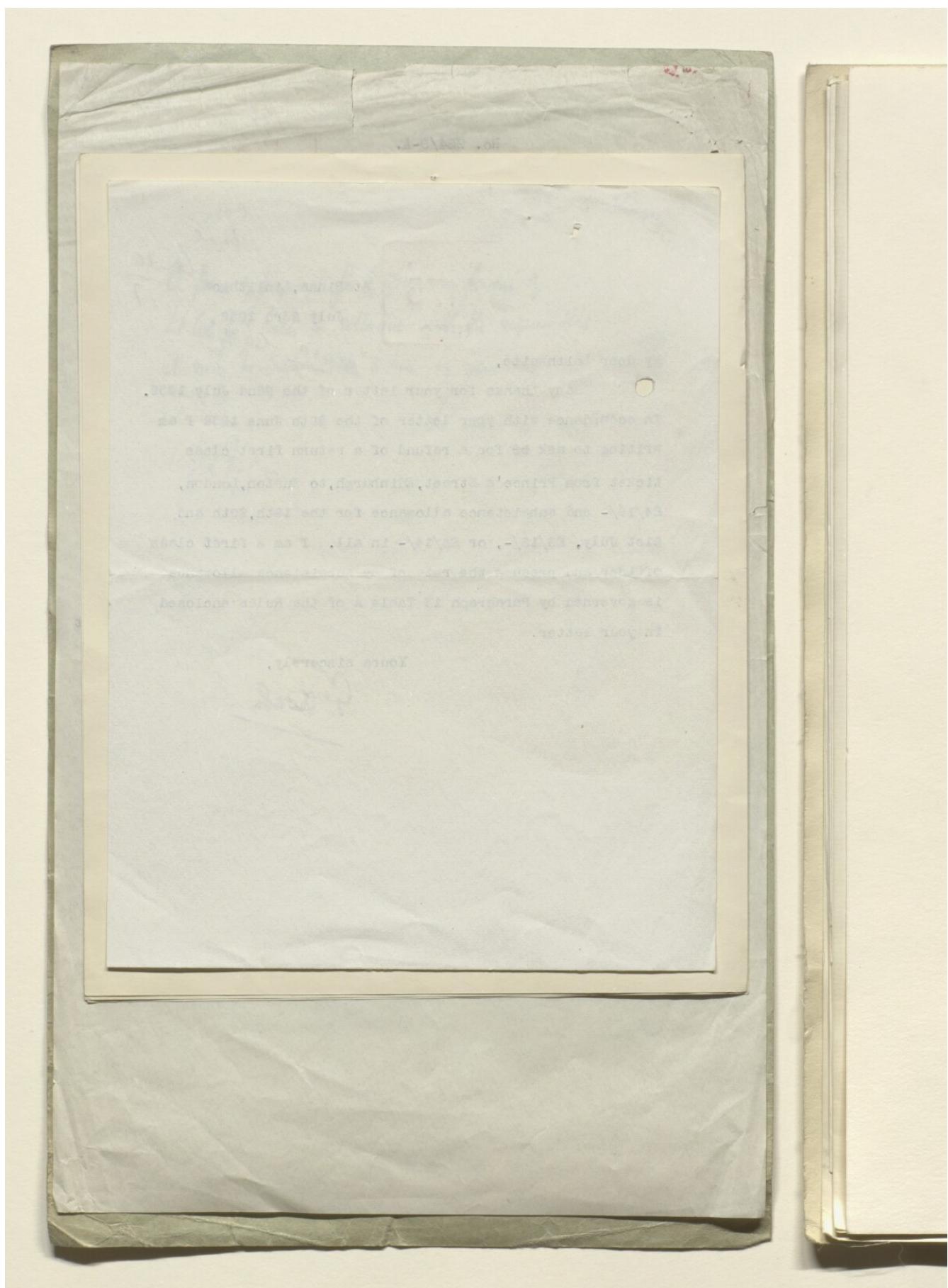
A form of payment for £ 914/- in favour of  
Lt Col P.G. Loch is attached with the request that  
it may be transmitted to him by your dep't

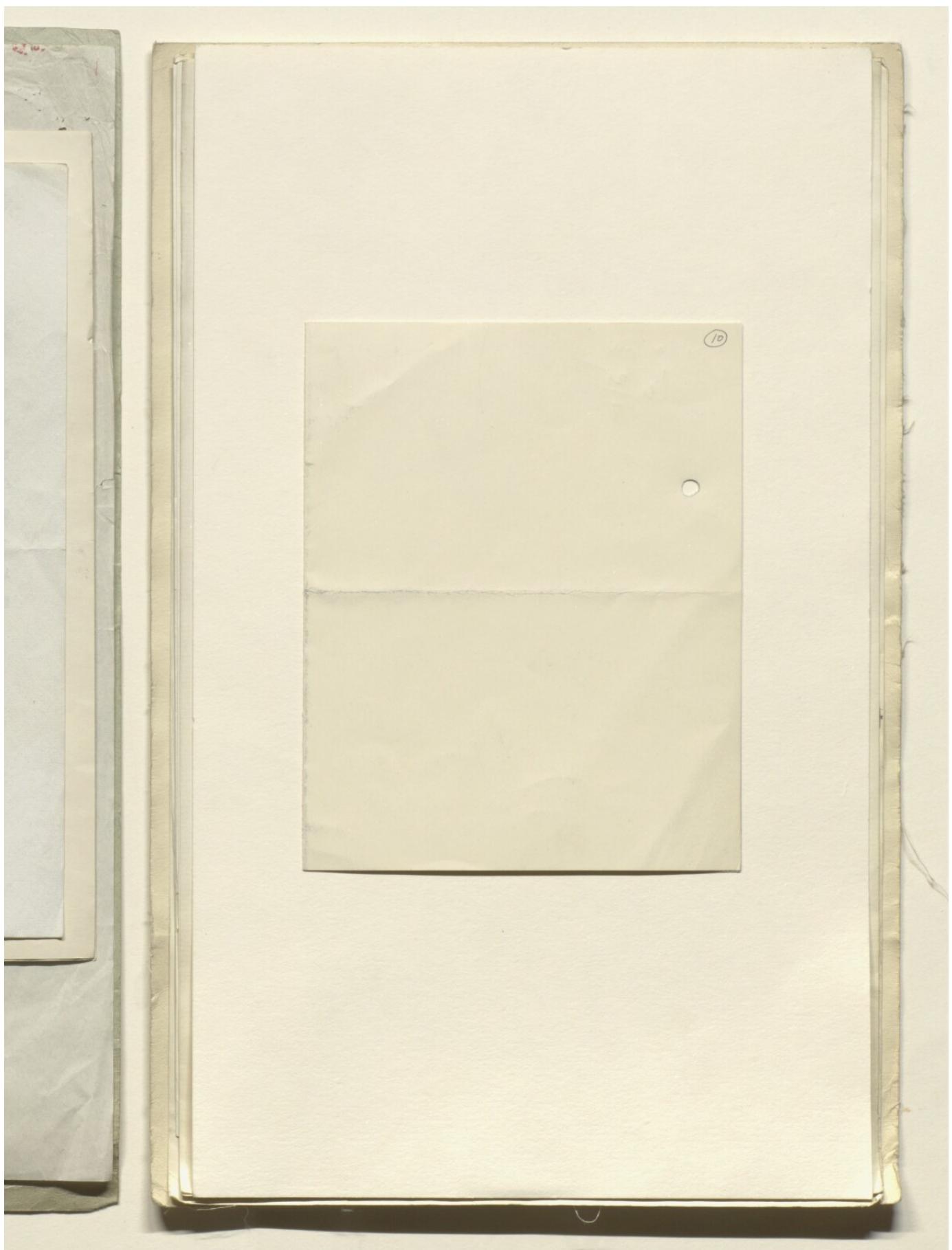
H. Jones.

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to Mr. T. G. Lauthwait  
6 Queen's Gate  
22<sup>nd</sup> July 1932

Dear Mr. T. G. Lauthwait

many thanks for your letters and  
your assistance!

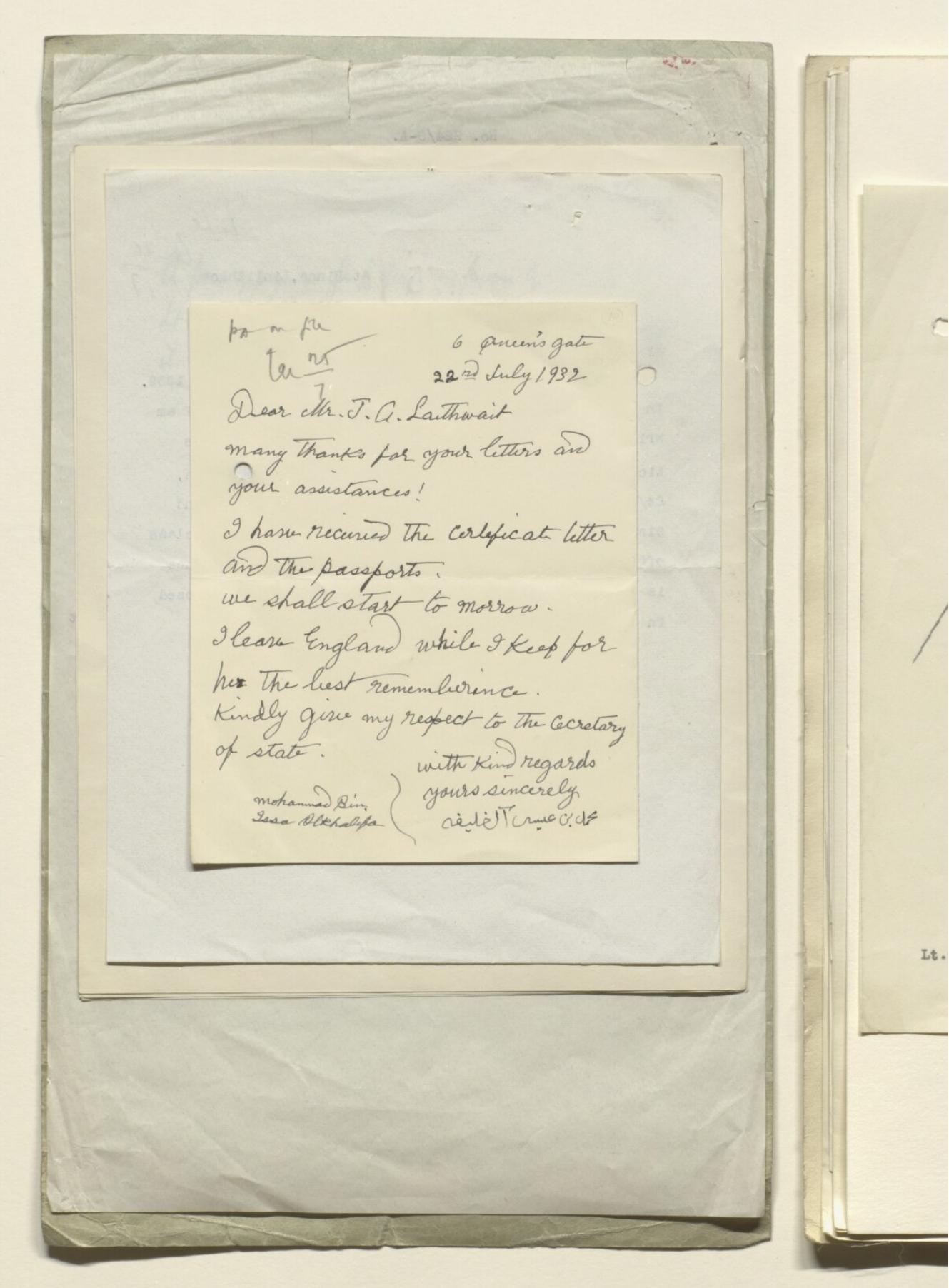
I have received the certificate letter  
and the passports.  
we shall start to morrow.

I leave England while I keep for  
her the best remembrance.

Kindly give my respect to the Secretary  
of state.

with kind regards  
yours sincerely  
Mohammed Bin  
Saeed Al Khalifa

Lt.





INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

22nd July, 1932.

My dear Loch,

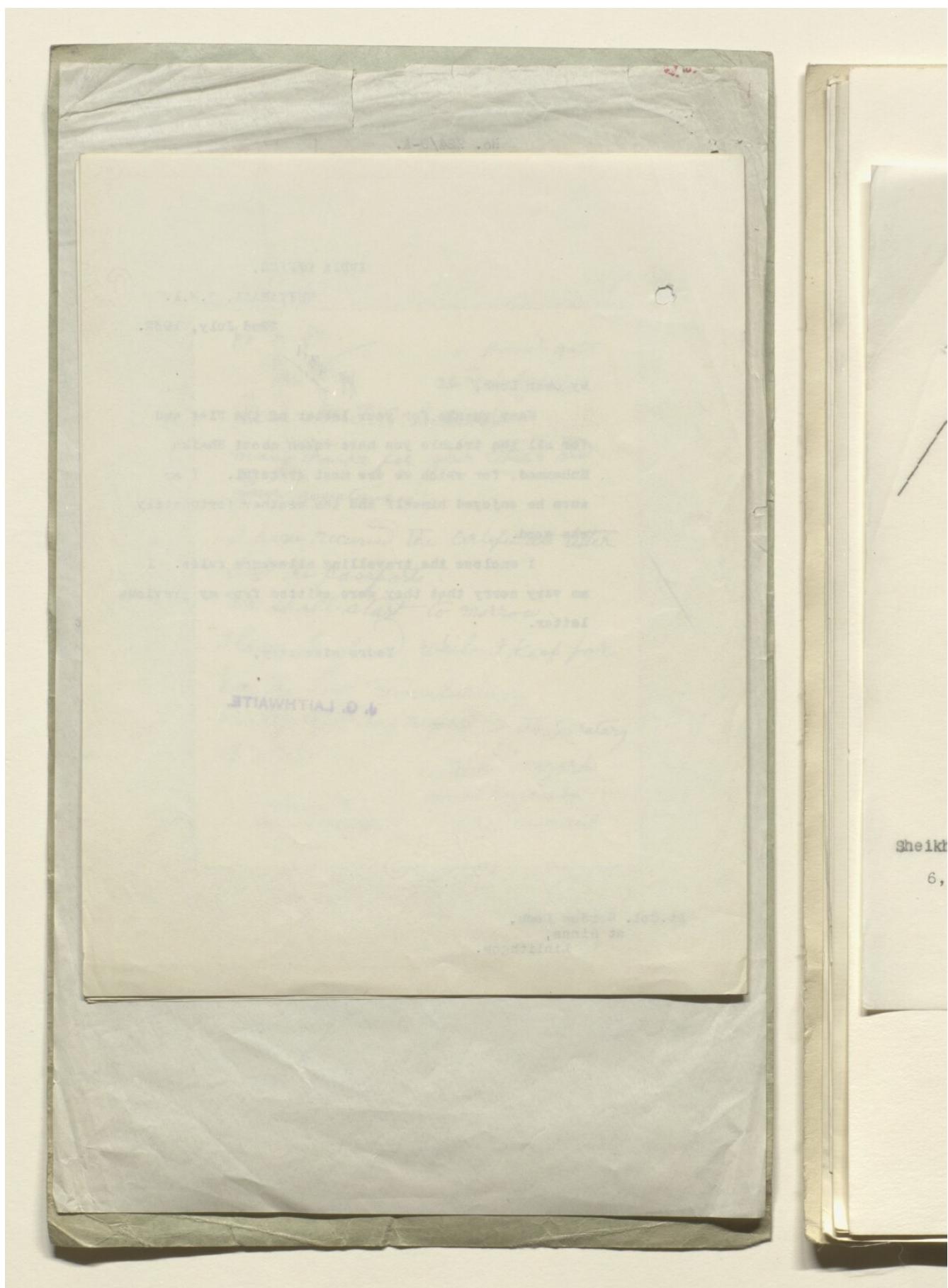
Many thanks for your letter of the 21st and for all the trouble you have taken about Shaikh Muhammad, for which we are most grateful. I am sure he enjoyed himself and the weather fortunately was good.

I enclose the travelling allowance rules. I am very sorry that they were omitted from my previous letter.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. LAITHWAITE.

Lt. Col. Gordon Loch,  
at Binns,  
Linlithgow.





INDIA OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W. 1.

21st July 1932.

Dear Sheikh Muhammad,

I return your passport and that of Abdul Zaid. They have been brought up to date with the necessary visas etc. and you will, I hope, find them in order.

I trust that you will have a very pleasant journey and that you have enjoyed your visit to England.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.G. LAITHWAITE.

Sheikh Muhammad Bin Isa  
al-Khalifa.  
6, Queen's Gate,  
S.W. 7.



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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The bearer of this letter, Shaikh Muhammad, son of His Excellency, Shaikh Sir Isa Bin Ali al Khalifa, K.C.I.E., Ruler of Bahrain, is returning <sup>Bahraini</sup> to India from England. British Government officers are requested to afford him all facilities of which he may stand in need.

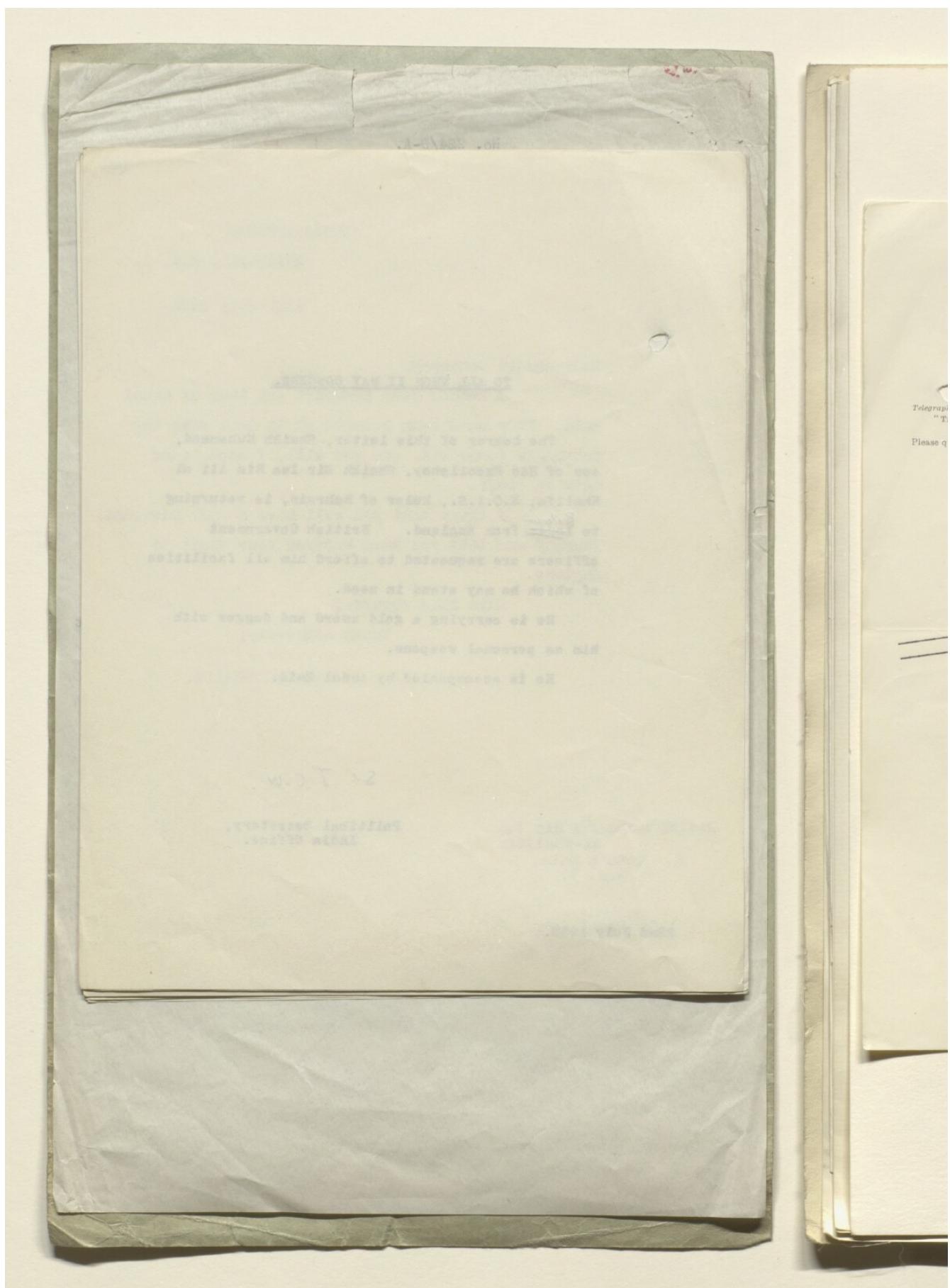
He is carrying a gold sword and dagger with him as personal weapons.

He is accompanied by Abdul Zaid.

Sd J.C.W.

Political Secretary,  
India Office.

22nd July 1932.





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Please quote Reference... Gen/PCH



PASSPORT OFFICE,

1, QUEEN ANNE'S GATE BUILDINGS,

DARTMOUTH STREET,

WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

21st July 1932.

Dear Laithwaite,

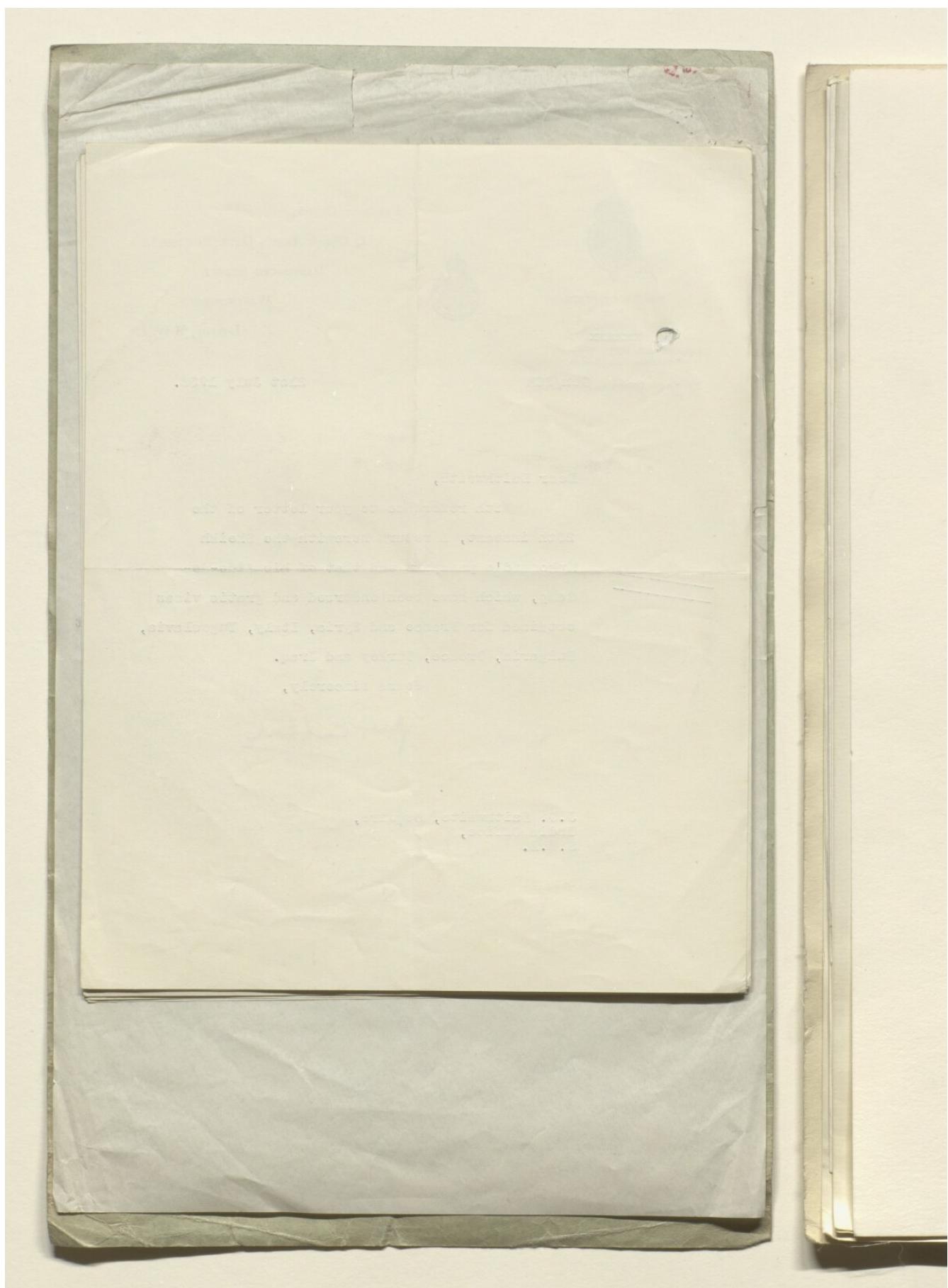
With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, I return herewith the Sheikh Muhommad's passport and that of his Aide-de-Camp, which have been endorsed and gratis visas obtained for France and Syria, Italy, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey and Iraq.

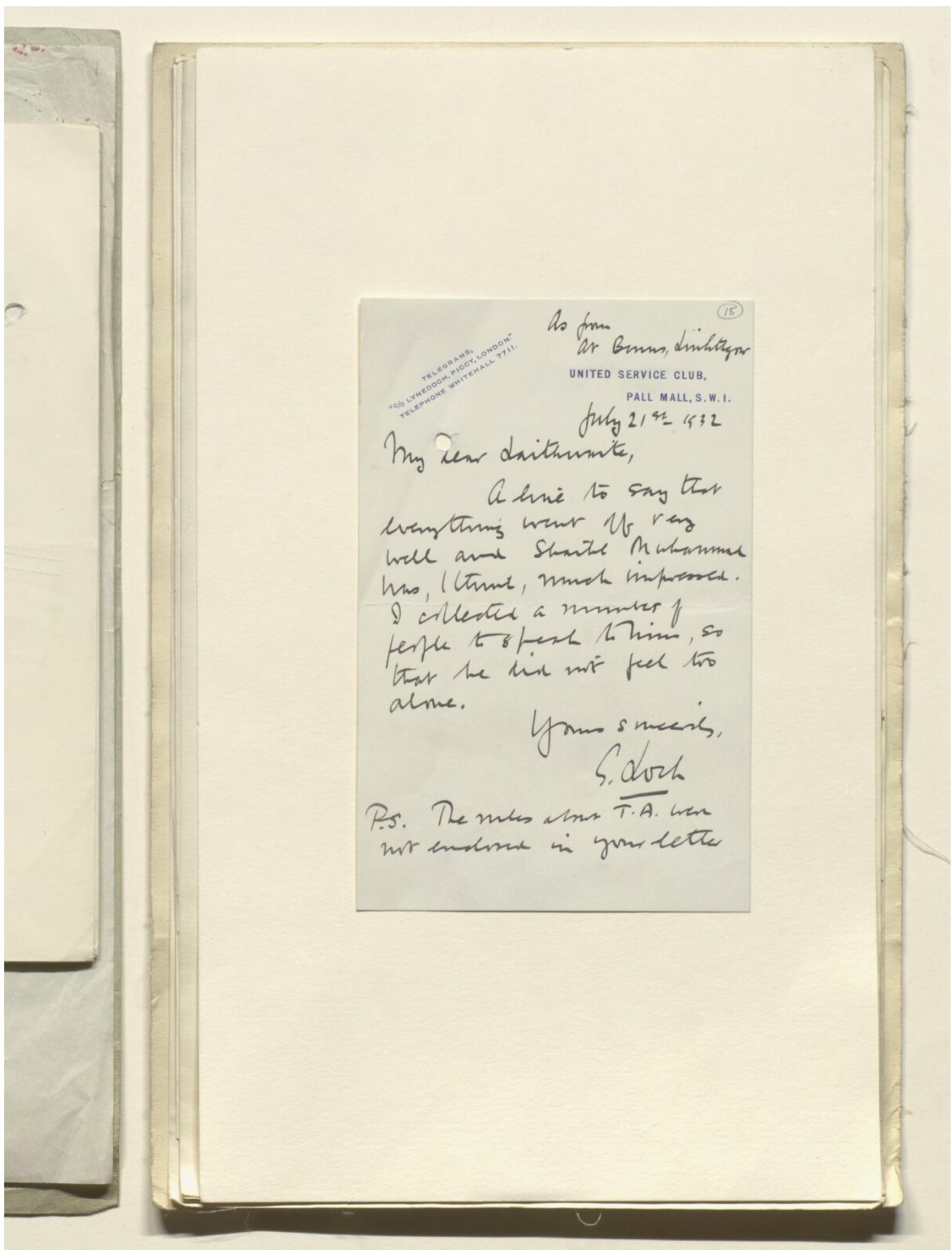
Yours sincerely,

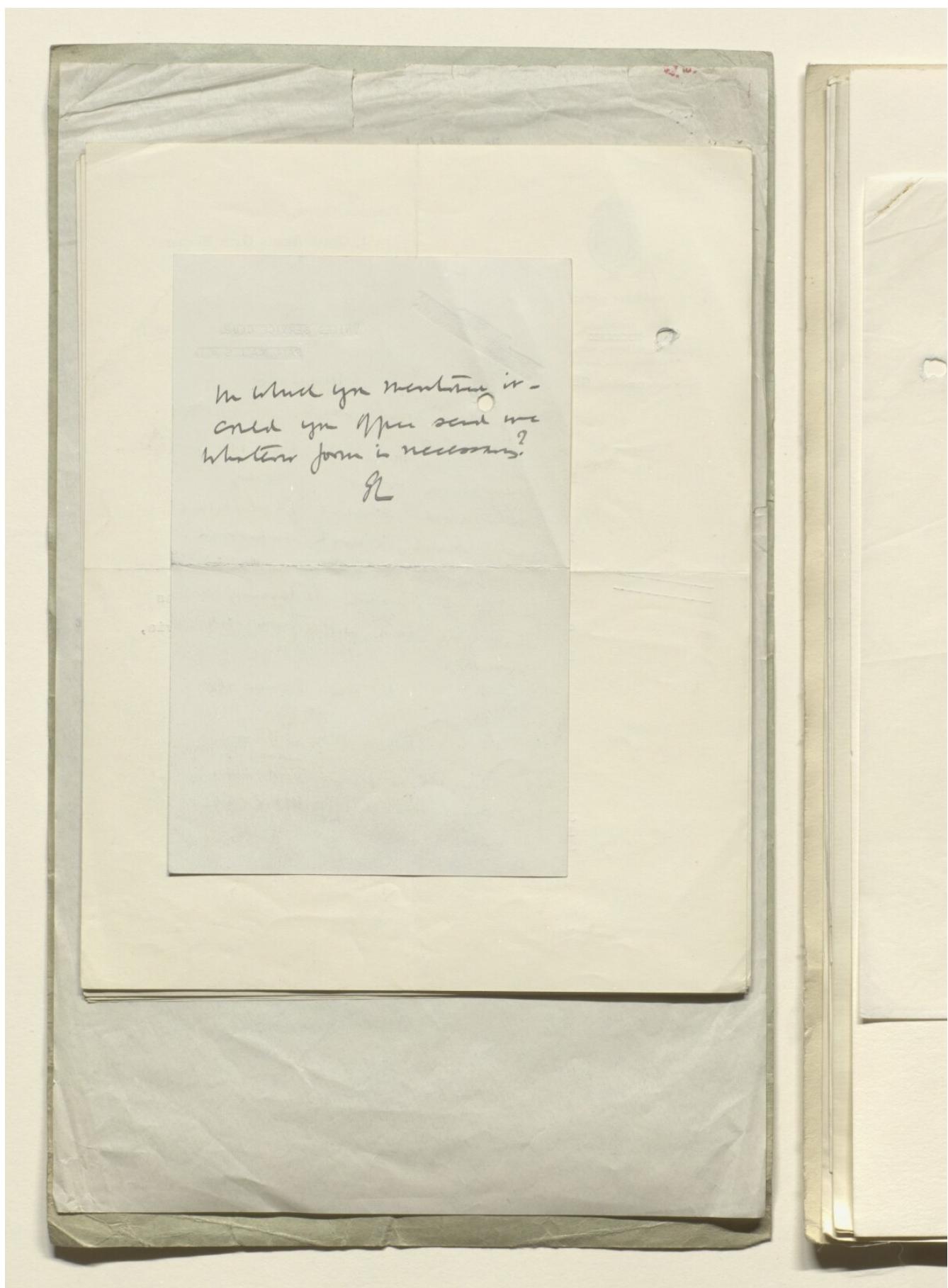
J.G. Laithwaite, Esquire,  
India Office,  
S.W.1.



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In what you want me to -  
could you please send me  
whatever form is necessary?

gk



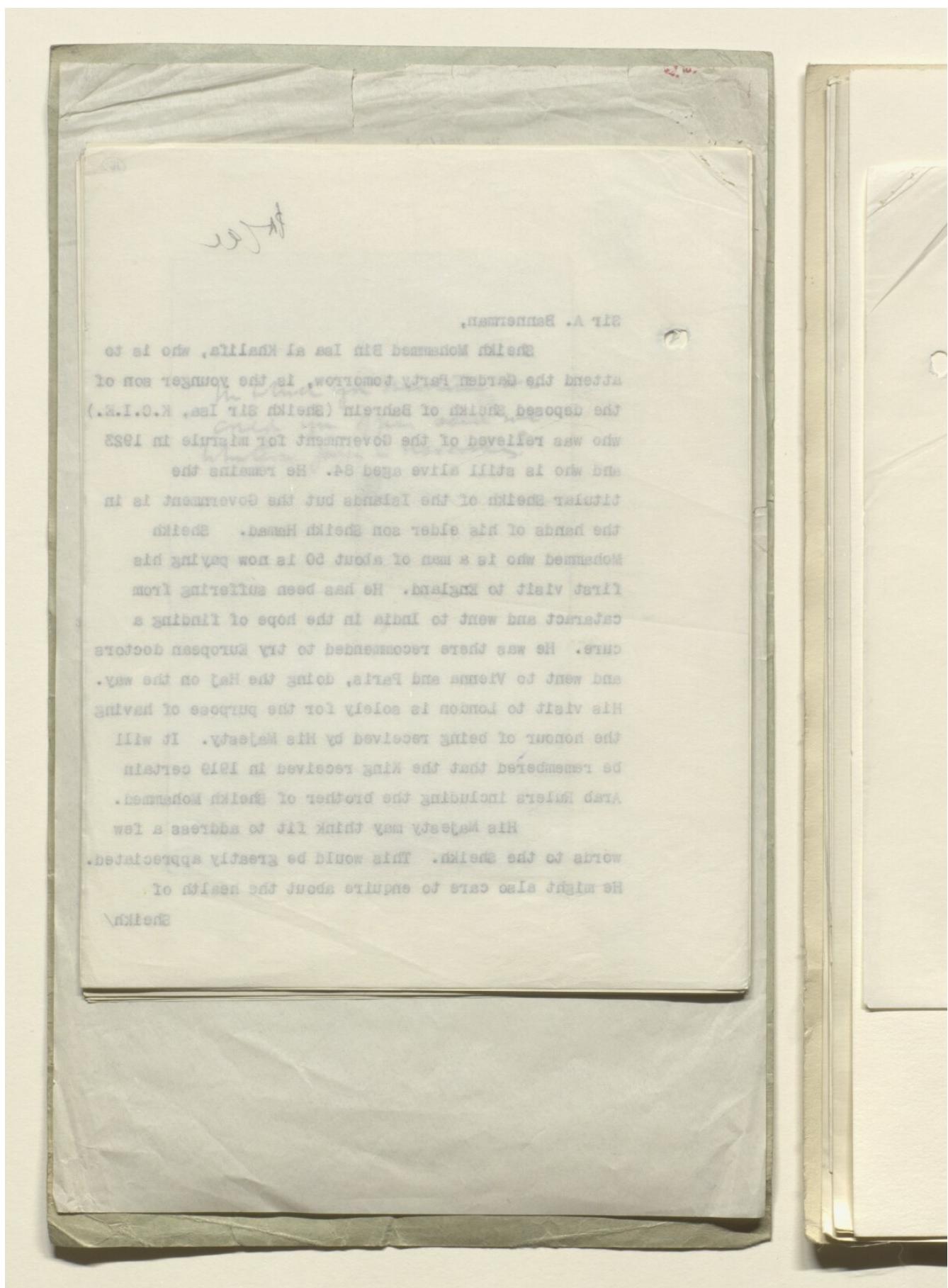
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Sir A. Bannerman,

Sheikh Mohammed Bin Isa al Khalifa, who is to attend the Garden Party tomorrow, is the younger son of the deposed Sheikh of Bahrein (Sheikh Sir Isa, K.C.I.E.) who was relieved of the Government for misrule in 1923 and who is still alive aged 84. He remains the titular Sheikh of the Islands but the Government is in the hands of his elder son Sheikh Hamad. Sheikh Mohammed who is a man of about 50 is now paying his first visit to England. He has been suffering from cataract and went to India in the hope of finding a cure. He was there recommended to try European doctors and went to Vienna and Paris, doing the Haj on the way. His visit to London is solely for the purpose of having the honour of being received by His Majesty. It will be remembered that the King received in 1919 certain Arab Rulers including the brother of Sheikh Mohammed.

His Majesty may think fit to address a few words to the Sheikh. This would be greatly appreciated. He might also care to enquire about the health of

Sheikh/





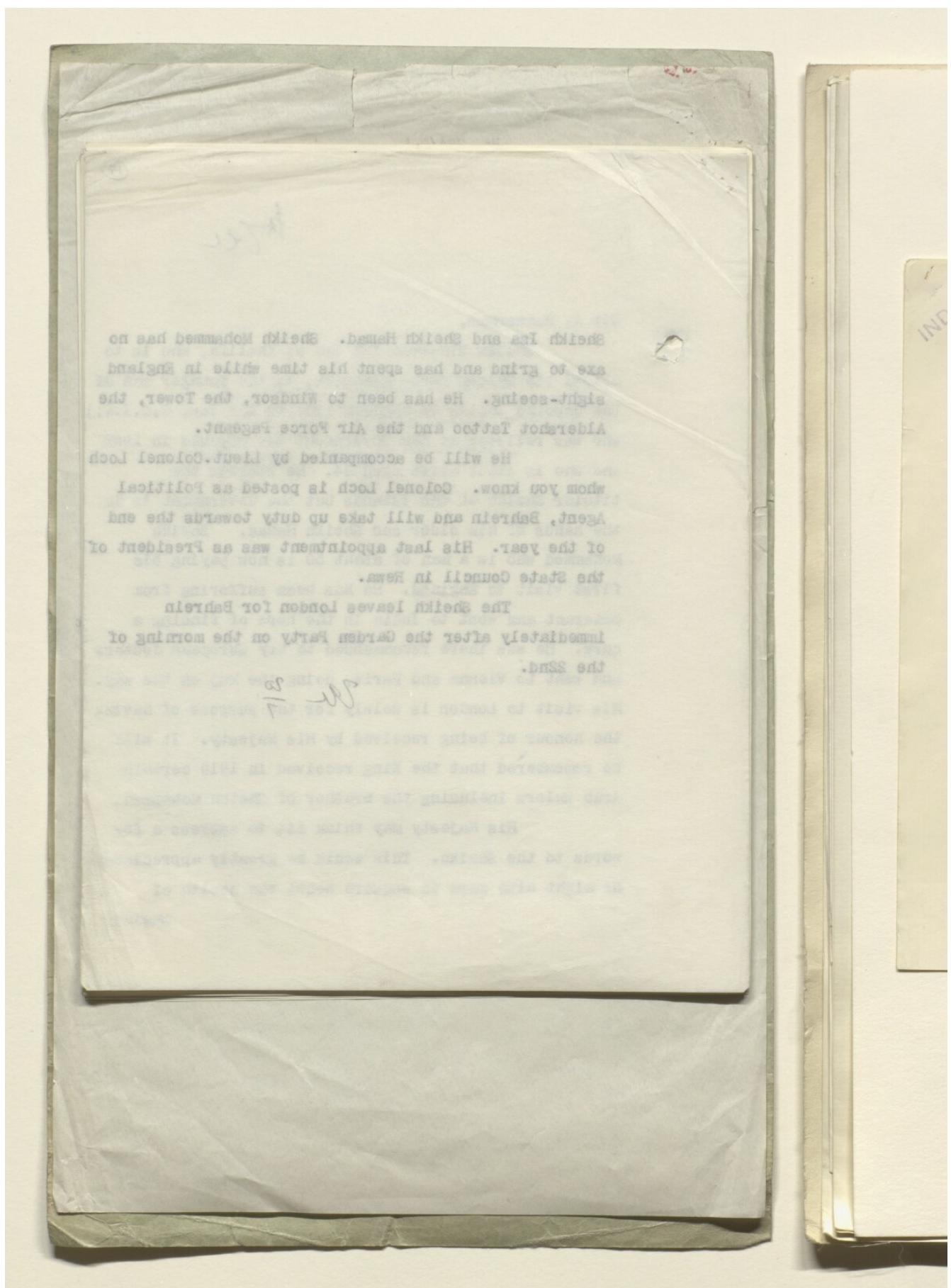
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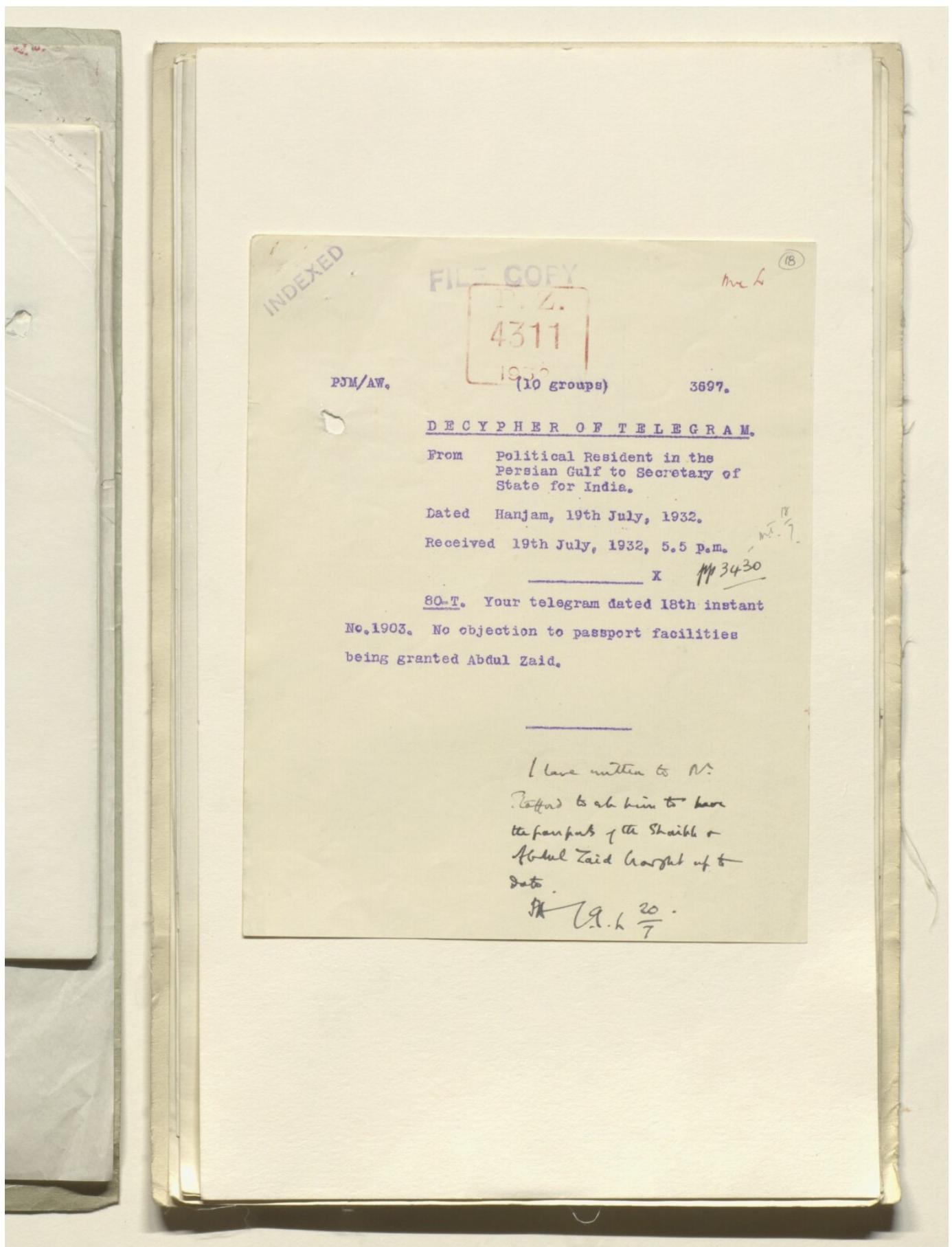
Sheikh Isa and Sheikh Hamad. Sheikh Mohammed has no axe to grind and has spent his time while in England sight-seeing. He has been to Windsor, the Tower, the Aldershot Tattoo and the Air Force Pageant.

He will be accompanied by Lieut. Colonel Loch whom you know. Colonel Loch is posted as Political Agent, Bahrein and will take up duty towards the end of the year. His last appointment was as President of the State Council in Rewa.

The Sheikh leaves London for Bahrein immediately after the Garden Party on the morning of the 22nd.

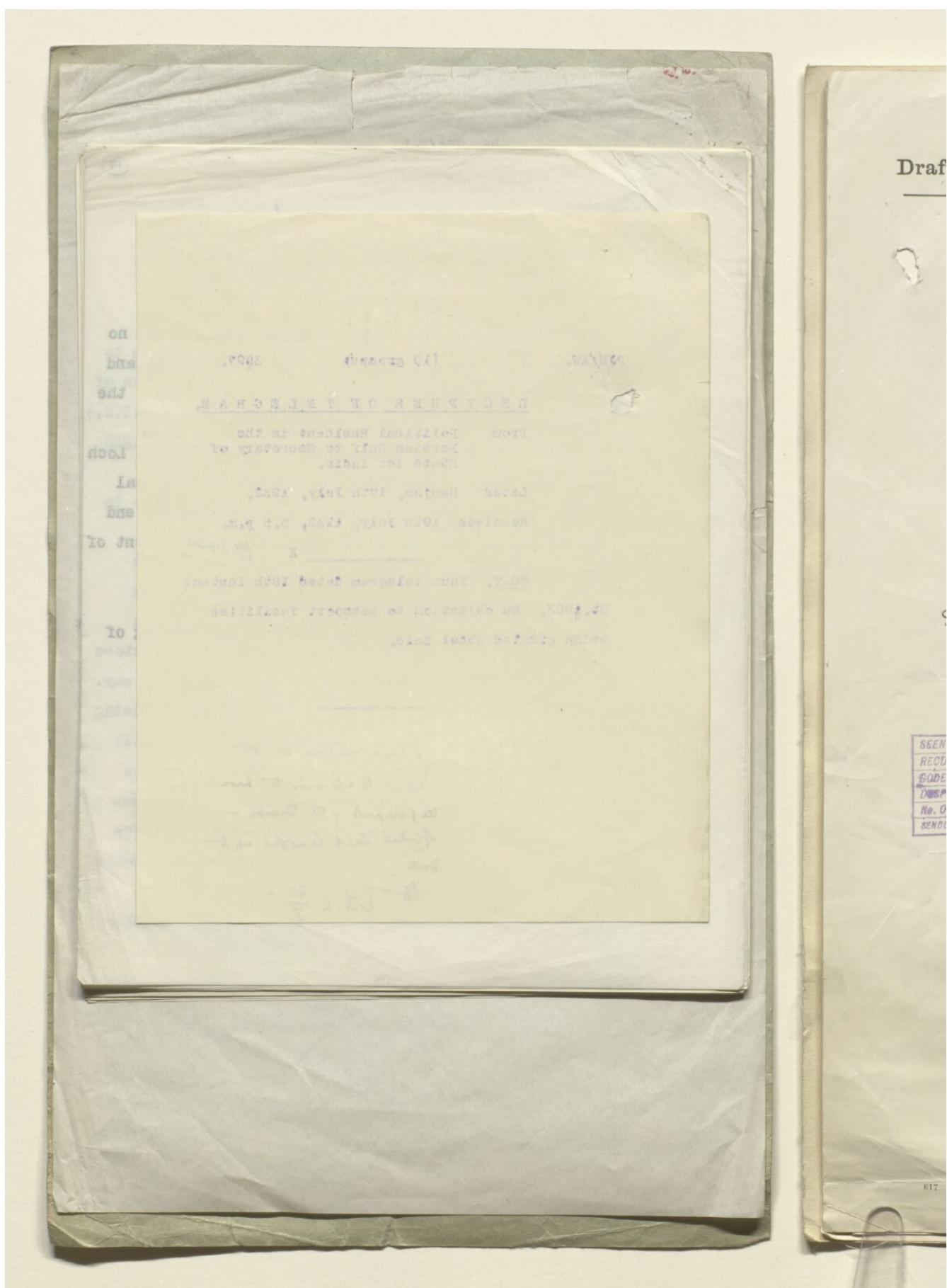
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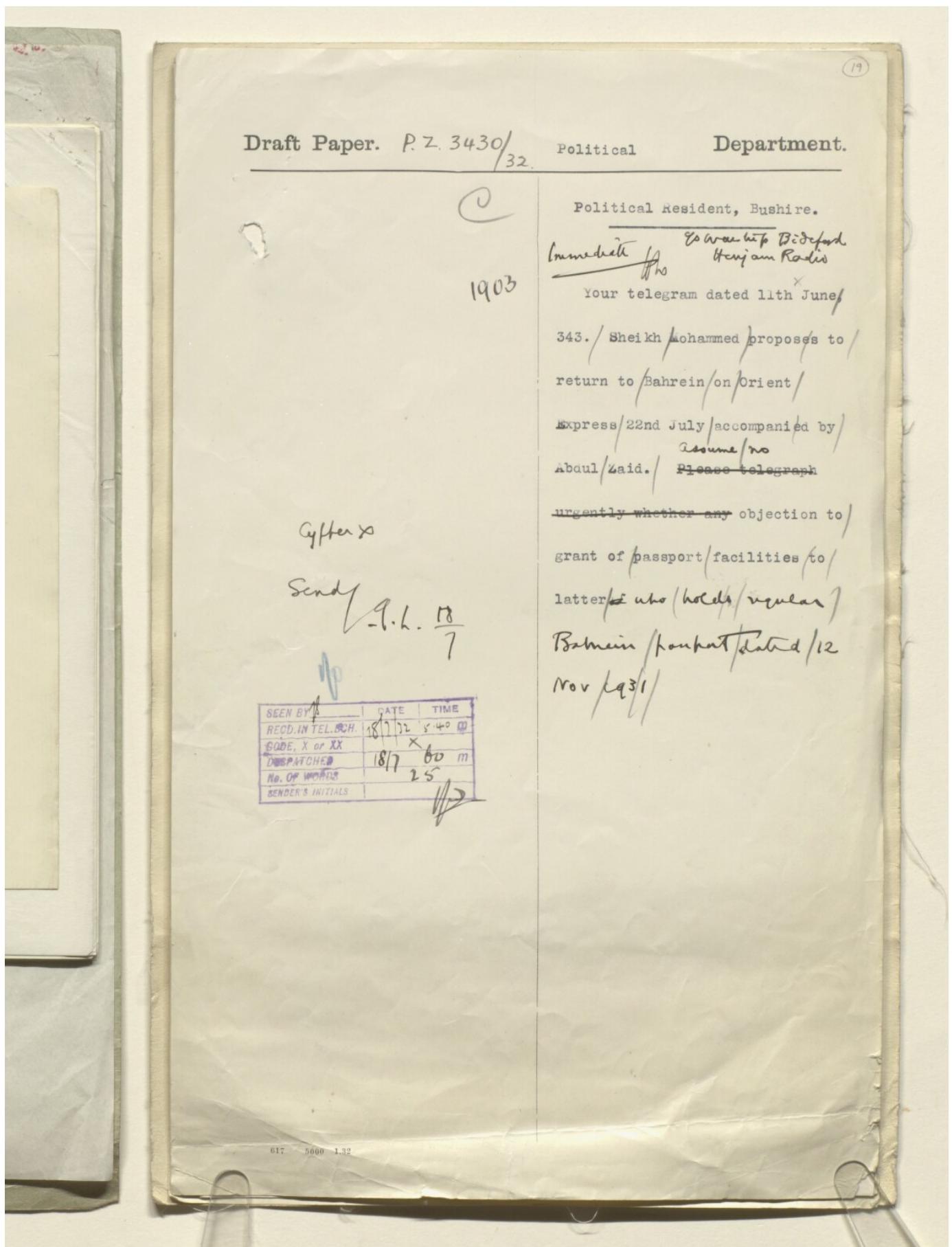


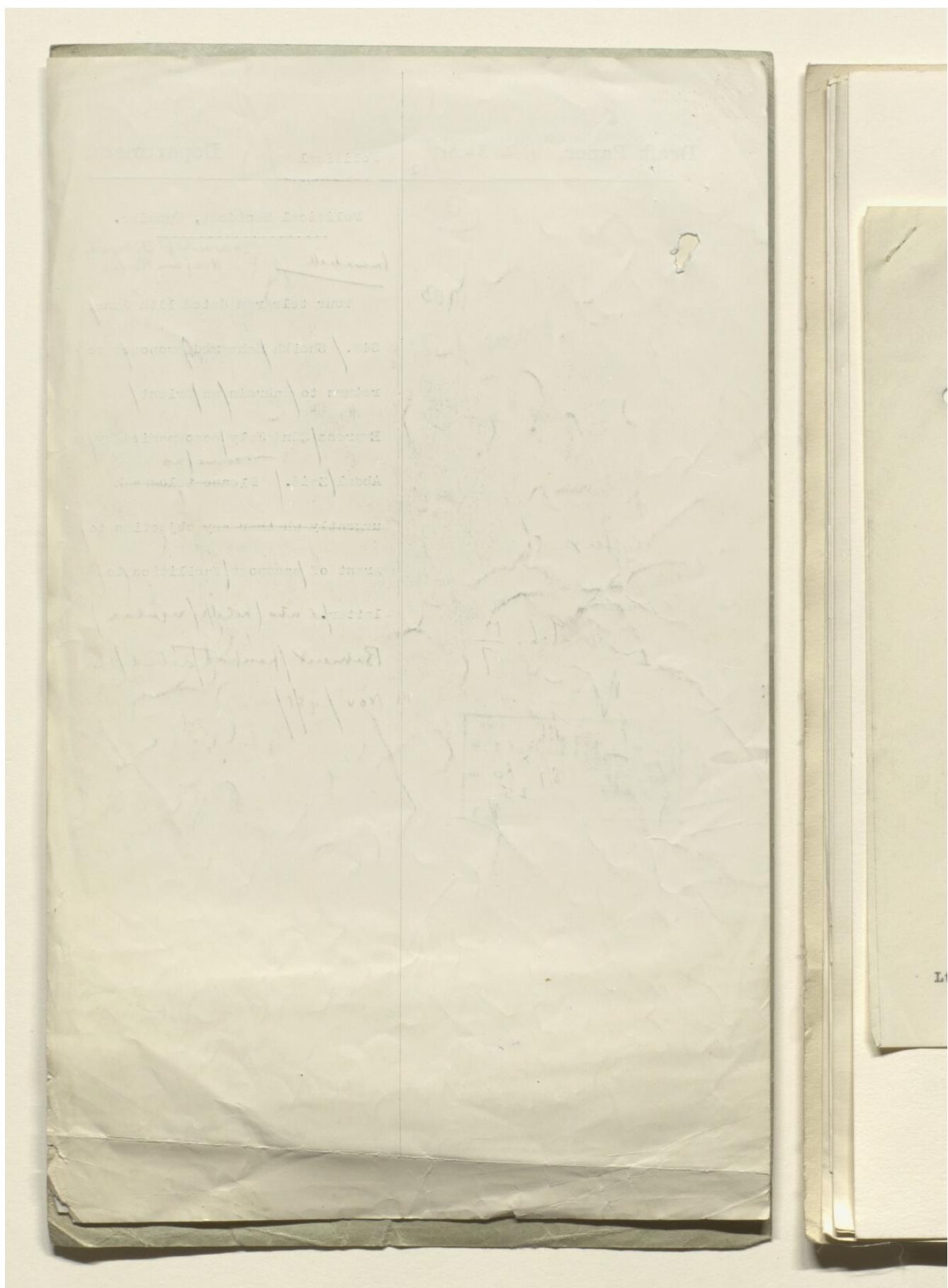




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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

6th July, 1932.

Dear Loch,

Many thanks for your letter of 3rd July. Shaikh Muhammad has written to me to-day to say that he proposes to go to France for ten days before the Garden Party (I gather he will be back by the 18th), and this I think would make it more difficult to fit in a visit to an air port. But in any case, as he has been to the Tattoo, and suitably impressed by the doings of the Air Force, and as Biscoe in a private letter this week says that Shaikh Hamid, who knew nothing about Muhammad's visit to England, is rather upset and thinks that the younger brother will have 'stripped the cupboard bare' in case he, Hamid, ever thinks of coming to this country, I am rather inclined to suggest that we should leave things as they are and not give him any extra facilities.

I shall be delighted to see you <sup>air route</sup> any time that suits you on the morning of the 19th - the file is rather difficult to follow, but I can give you full information about all recent developments. Burchall was at a meeting

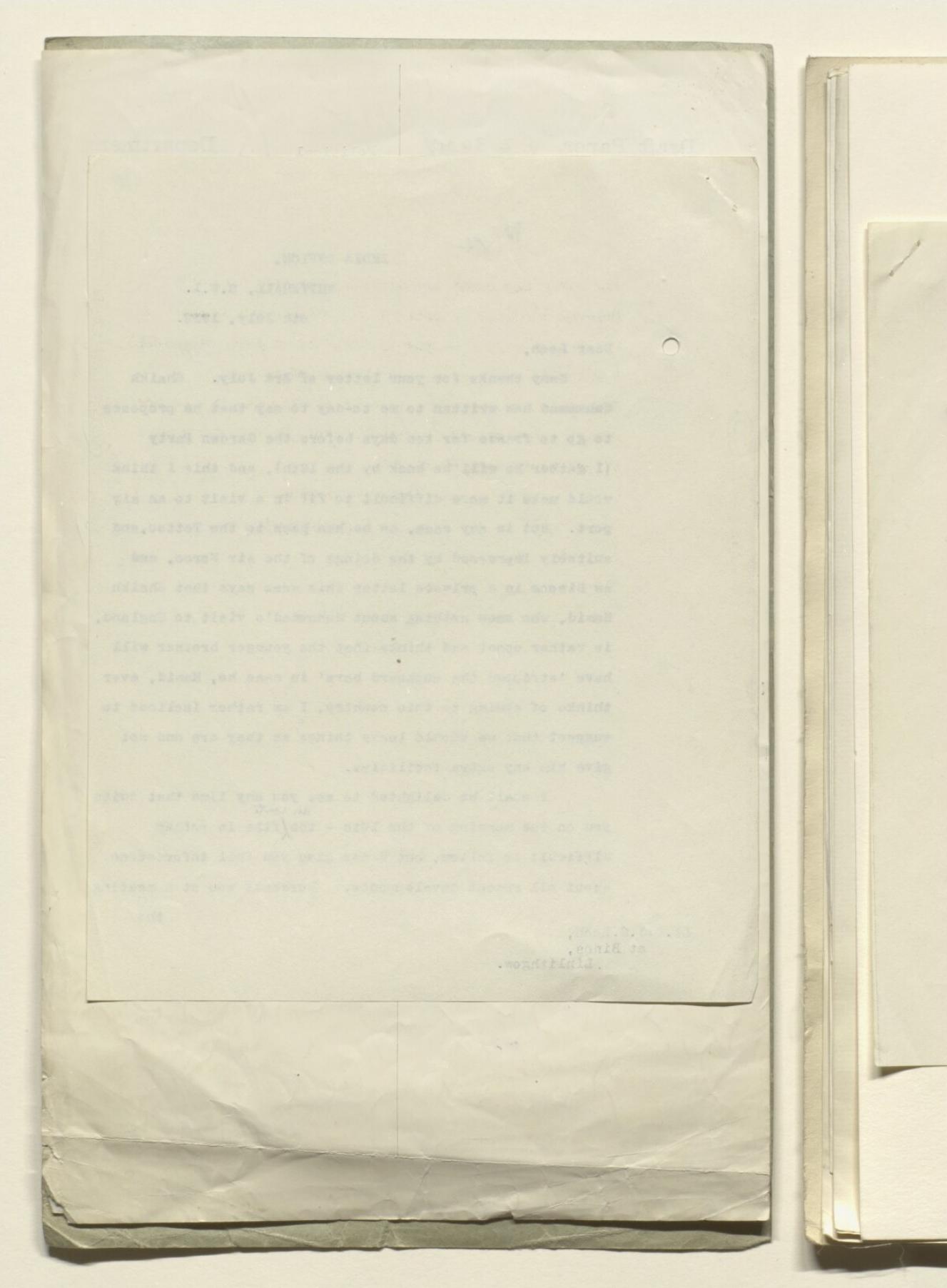
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Lt. Col. G. Loch,  
at Binns,  
Linlithgow.



1920.12.20. - Persian Gulf, Bahrein

1920.12.20.  
Signed in  
Washington.





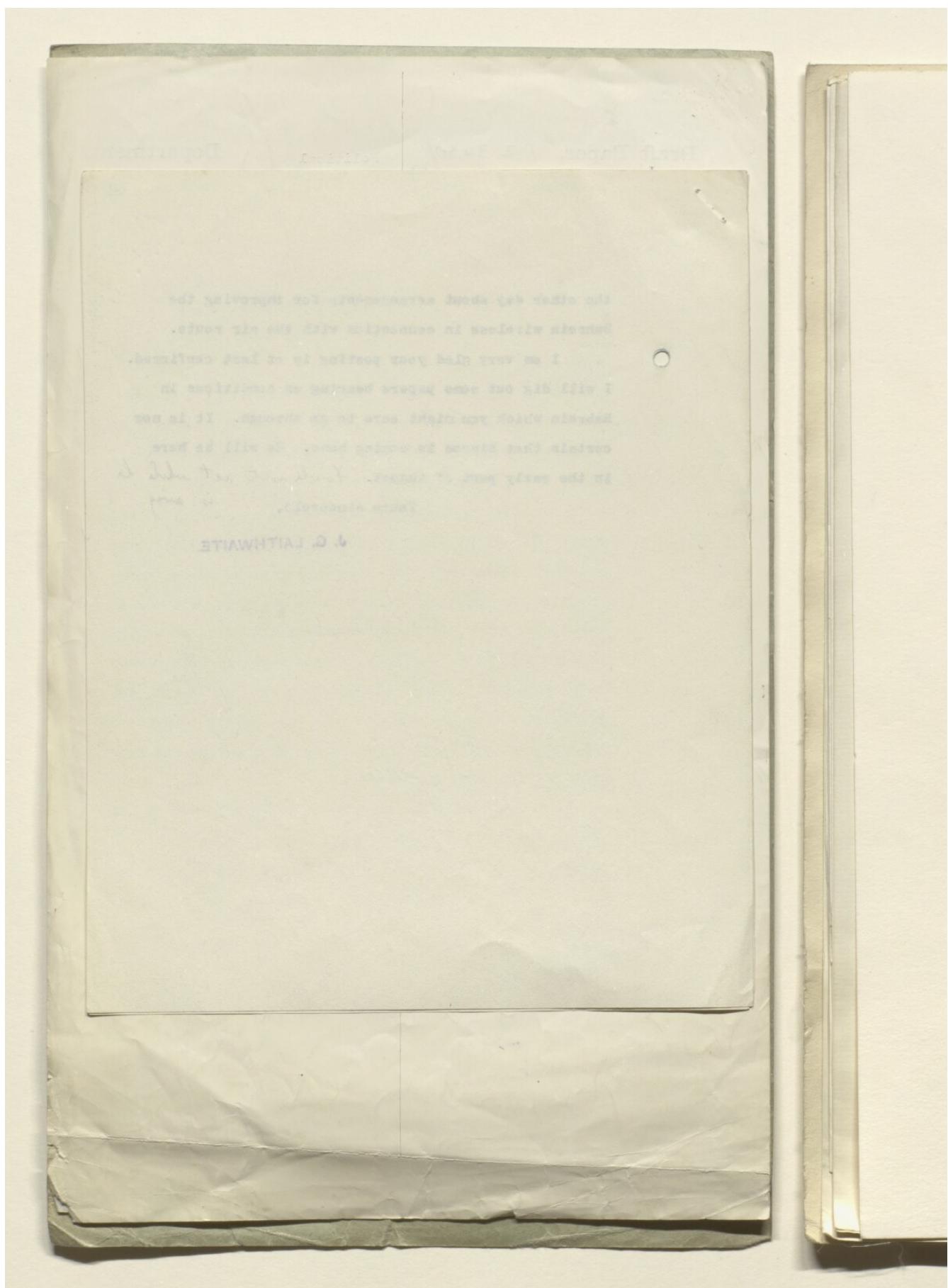
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the other day about arrangements for improving the Bahrein wireless in connection with the air route.

I am very glad your posting is at last confirmed. I will dig out some papers bearing on conditions in Bahrein which you might care to go through. It is now certain that Biscoe is coming home. He will be here in the early part of August. Lowle is to act while he is away

Yours sincerely,

J. G. LAITHWAITE.





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A reply to thy letter (and today)  
Pl. off. the carbon  
As from  
At Binns, Linlithgow  
**THE BIRNAM HOTEL**  
DUNKELD  
PERTHSHIRE

TELEPHONE No. 24

July 3rd 1932

Dear Laithwaite,

Thank you for your letter of the 28th June 1932 about Shaikh Muhammad, with whom I will get into touch.

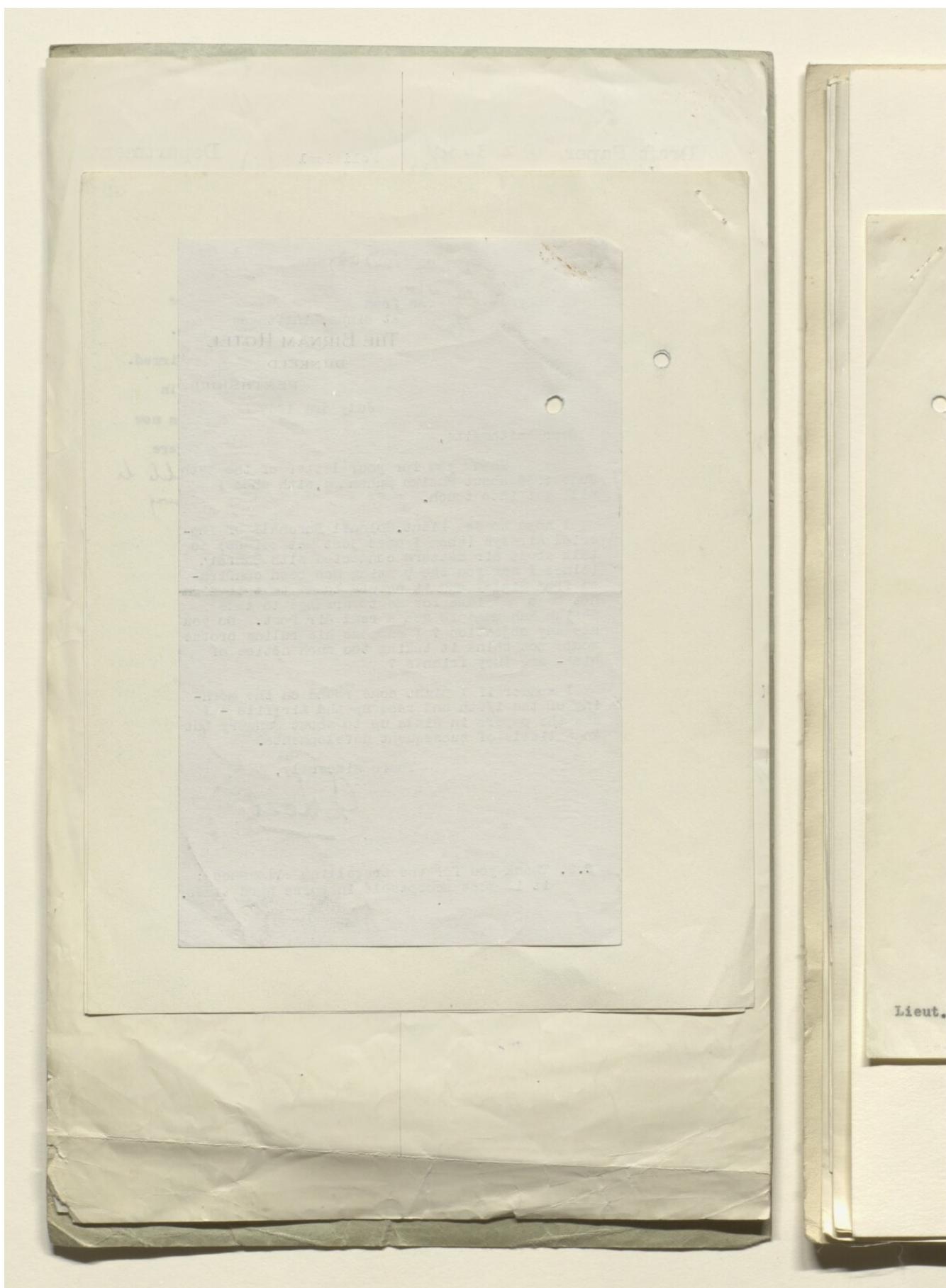
I hope to see Lieut. Colonel Burchall of Imperial Airways (whom I have just met before) to talk about air matters connected with Bahrain (since I saw you the posting has been confirmed from Simla) and it occurs to me that it might not be a bad idea for me to arrange to take Shaikh Muhammad to see a real Air Port. Do you see any objection? I suppose his ruling brother would not think it taking too much notice of him - are they friends?

I wonder if I might come round on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and read up the Air file - I saw the papers in Simla up to about January but know little of subsequent developments?

Yours sincerely,

G. Lock

B.S. Thank you for the travelling allowance : it is most acceptable in these hard times.





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INDIA OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W.1

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28th June, 1932.

Dear Loch,

Many thanks for your letter of 27th June. We are most grateful to you for so kindly offering to escort Shaikh Mohammed at the Garden Party on 21st July. I saw him this morning and I ventured to tell him that you would do so and he looks forward to seeing you again. His attendant will not come with him.

His address is:

6 Queens Gate,  
S.W.1

and he will, I imagine, be there at the date of the Garden Party. His future arrangements are rather uncertain - he had thought of going off to the country but told me this morning that he could not make up his mind. I am asked to say that we shall be glad to refund your return 1st Class fare from Scotland and also to pay subsistence allowance under the rules of which a copy is attached to the 19th, 20th and 21st, if you will let us have a claim in due course.

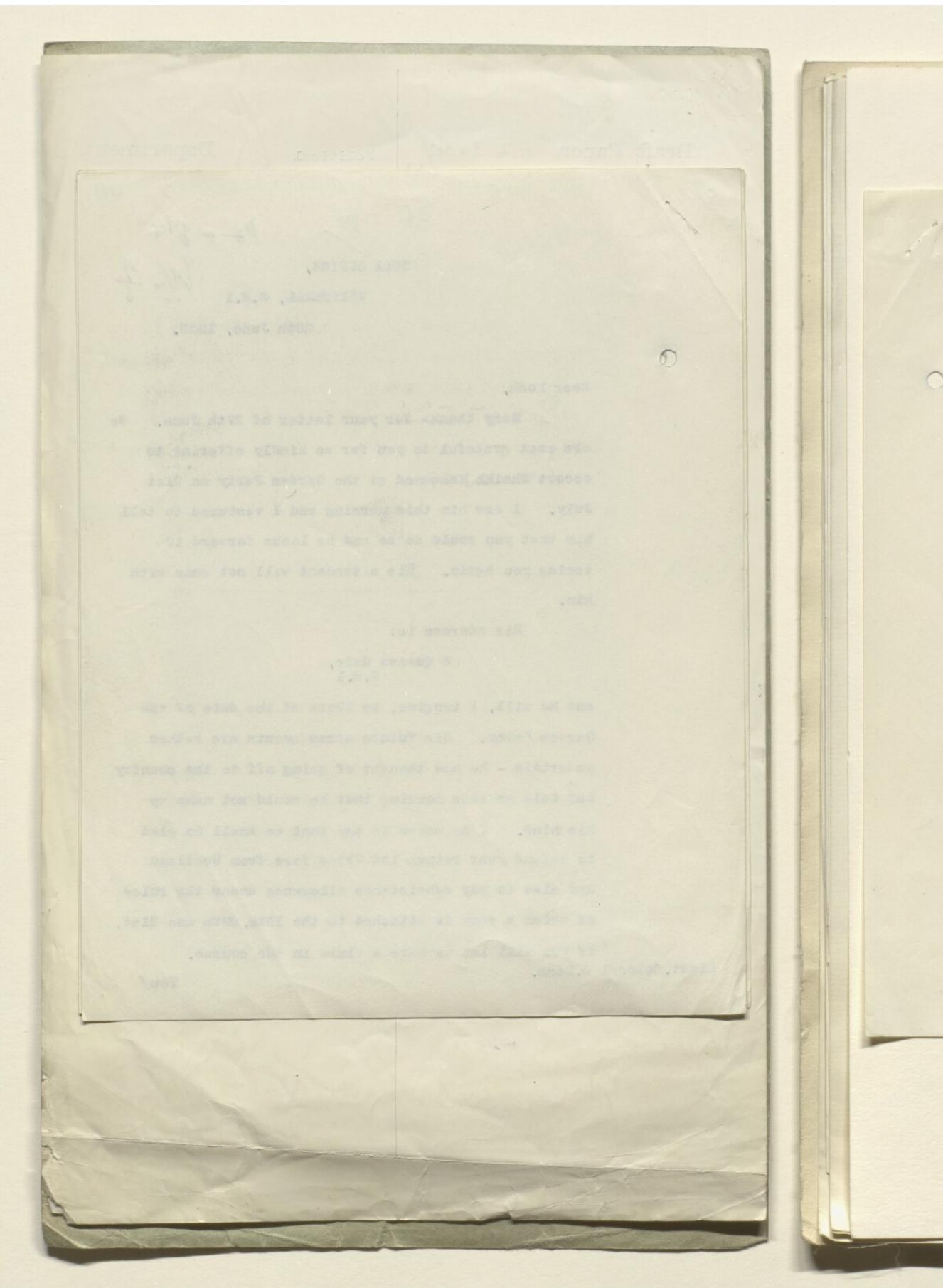
Lieut. Colonel G. Loch.

You/



... you will need  
as soon as you get back to  
the office you will be in New or London and we  
will be glad to help you to hospital address those  
kind of hospitals I have mentioned who are in  
the Imperial College of Physicians and Surgeons and  
there are two like hospitals in this large city.

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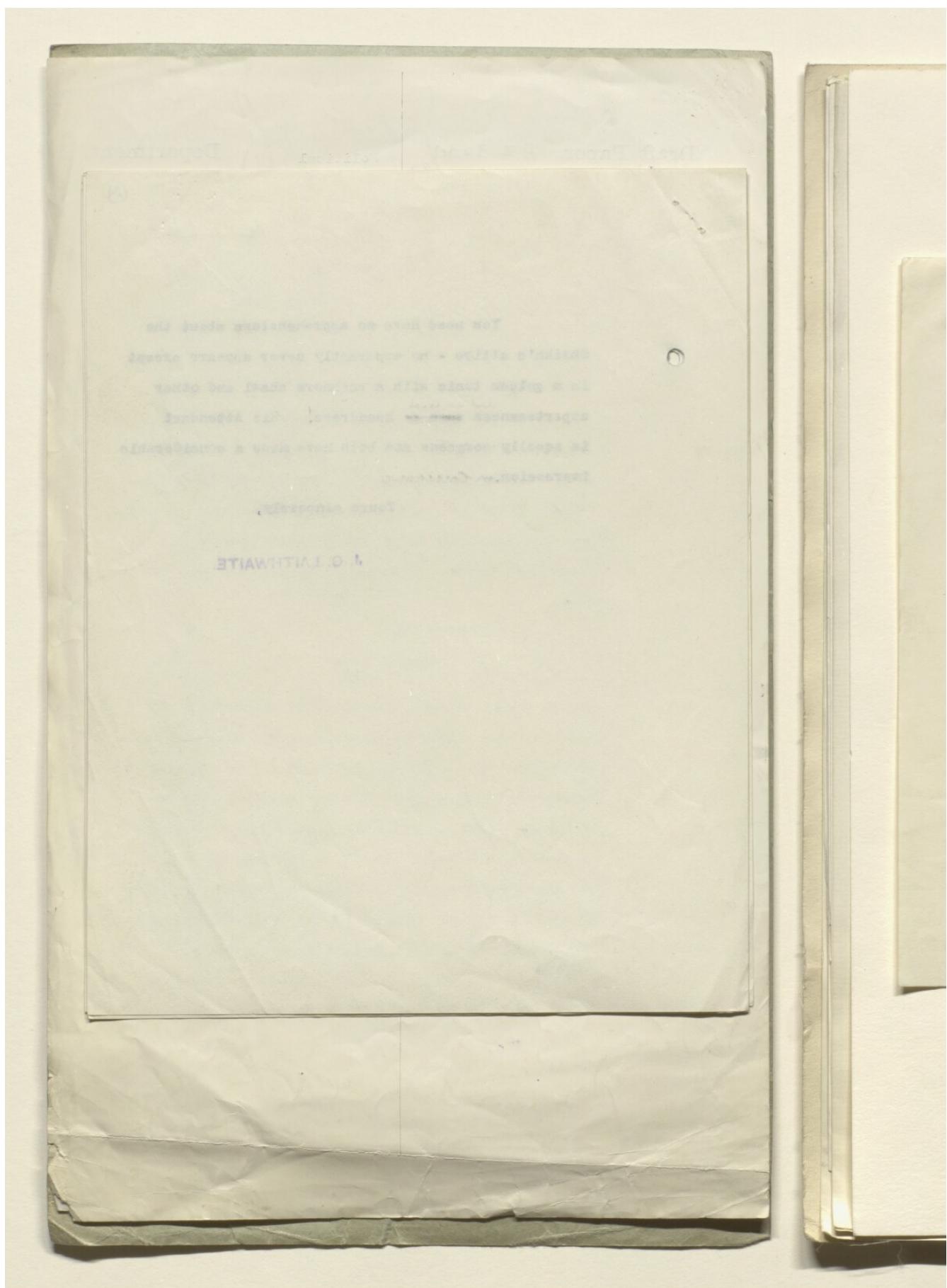


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You need have no apprehensions about the Shaikh's attire - he apparently never appears except in a golden tunic with a cashmere shawl and other appertenances such as <sup>and an Arab</sup> headdress! His Attendant is equally gorgeous and both have made a considerable impression. *In consequence*

Yours sincerely,

J. G. LAITHWAITE.





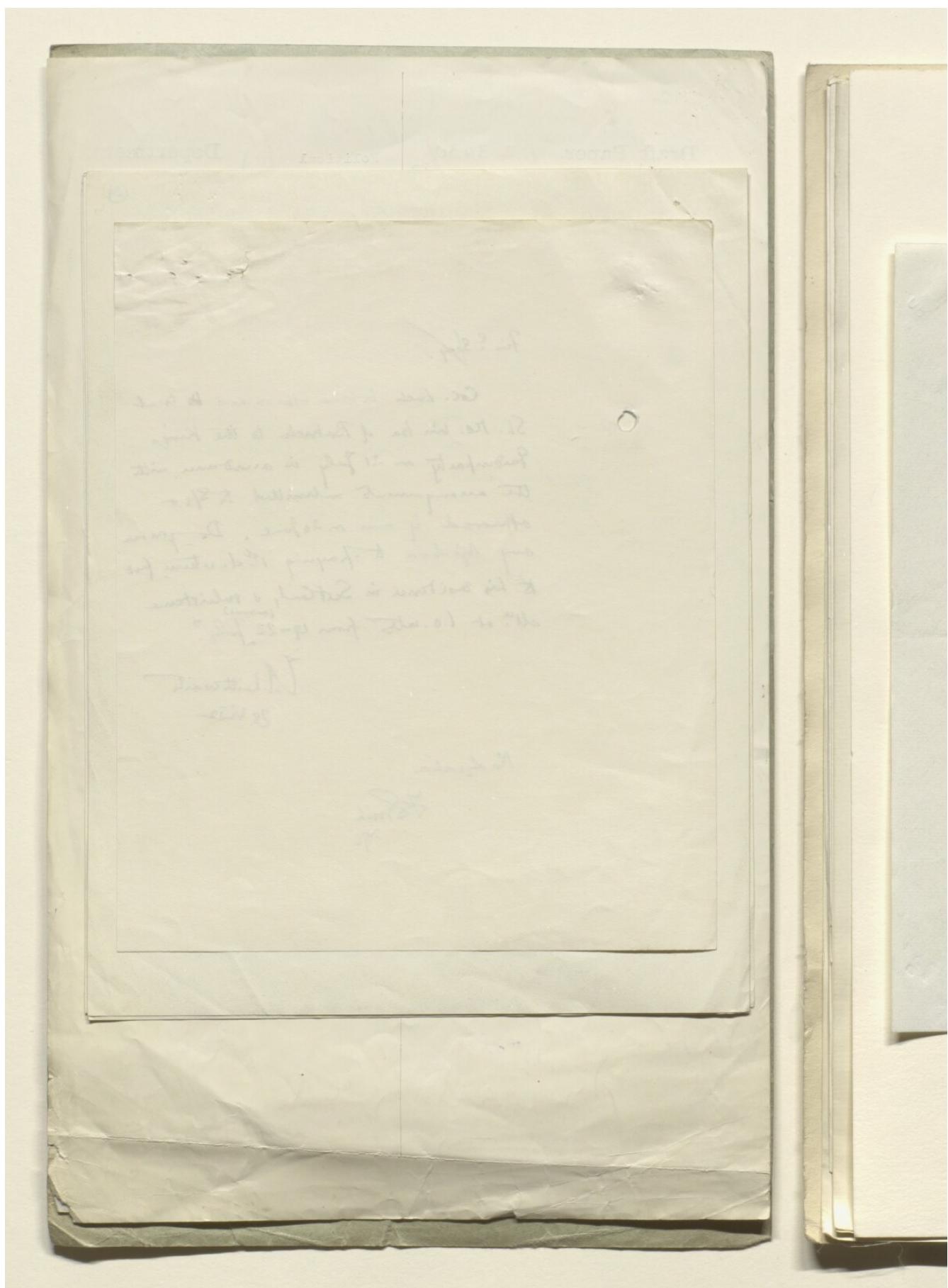
Fin? ~~say~~.

Col. Lock has been approached to speak  
Sh. Abd. bin Isa of Bahrein to the King's  
Gardens party on 21 July in accordance with  
the arrangement submitted to S/S or  
approached by him on 20 June. Do you see  
any objection to paying 1<sup>st</sup> class return fare  
to his residence in Scotland, & subsistence  
all<sup>4</sup> at 1.0. rate from 19-22<sup>(americ)</sup> July?

A. Smith  
28.VI.32

No objection.

J. Smith  
28/6





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At Binns, Linlithgow

June 27th 1932

Dear Laithwaite,

Your letter of the 23rd June 1932 has been forwarded to me here (near Dunkeld). I am afraid that I should not otherwise be in or near Town on the 21st July, but I fully agree with you that it would make a great difference to Shaikh Muhammad (and possibly help a bit in Bahrain) to have with him someone who knows him and his country, and I will, therefore, gladly come down to London to accompany him to the Royal Garden Party. I presume that his attendant (!) will not go with him?

I have not met him for many years, so I think that it would be wise for me to see something of him before the actual day, and I would suggest that I should come by the night train of the 18/19th July and take him out a bit on the 19th and 20th: can you tell me where he will be staying then?

I presume that he will be in sober Arab attire, and has not adopted the Glengarry bonnet of 'Iraq or the Homburg of Turkey, with which I could not bear to be associated in public!

Yours sincerely,

G. Lock

J.G. Laithwaite Esquire

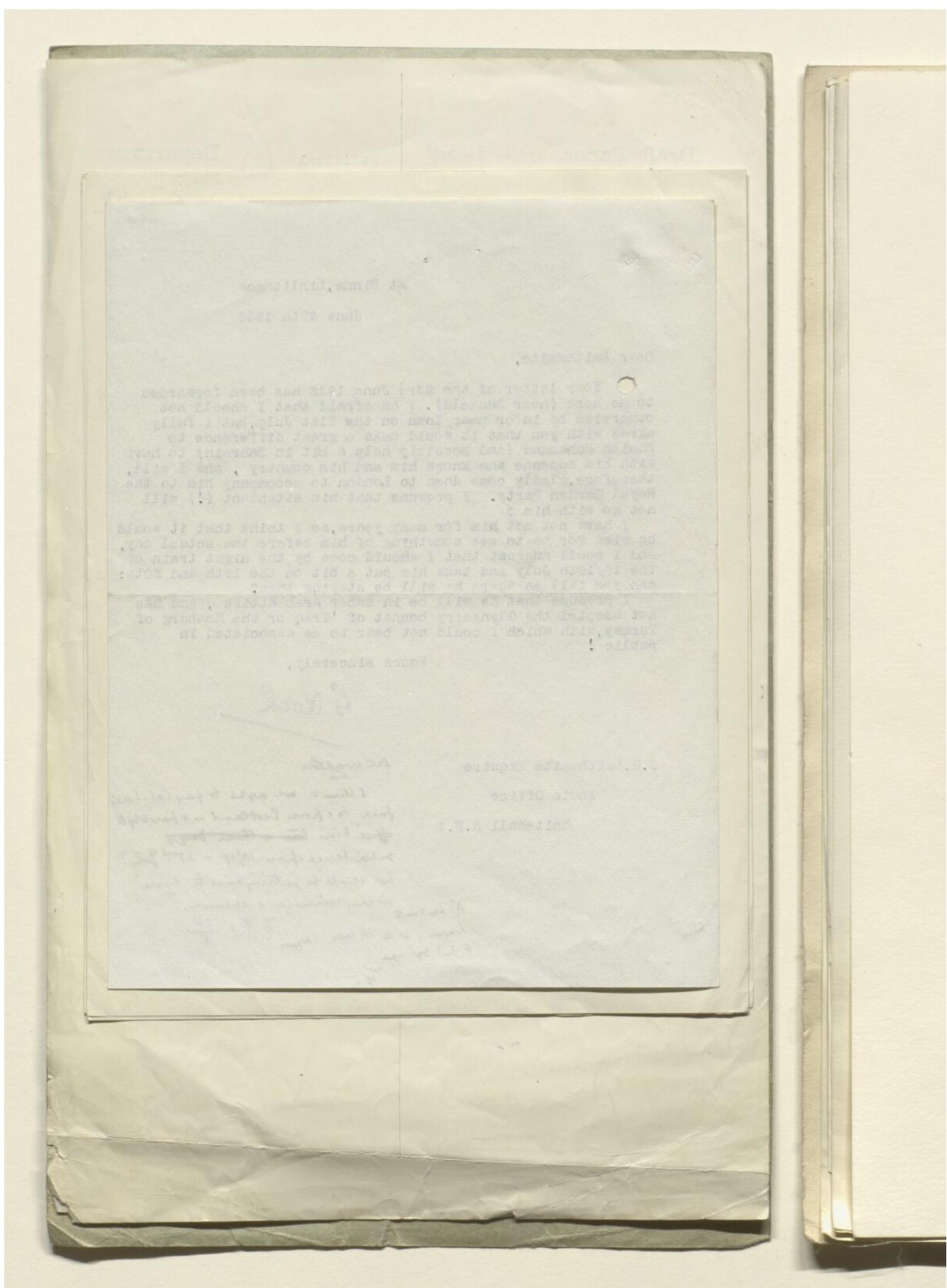
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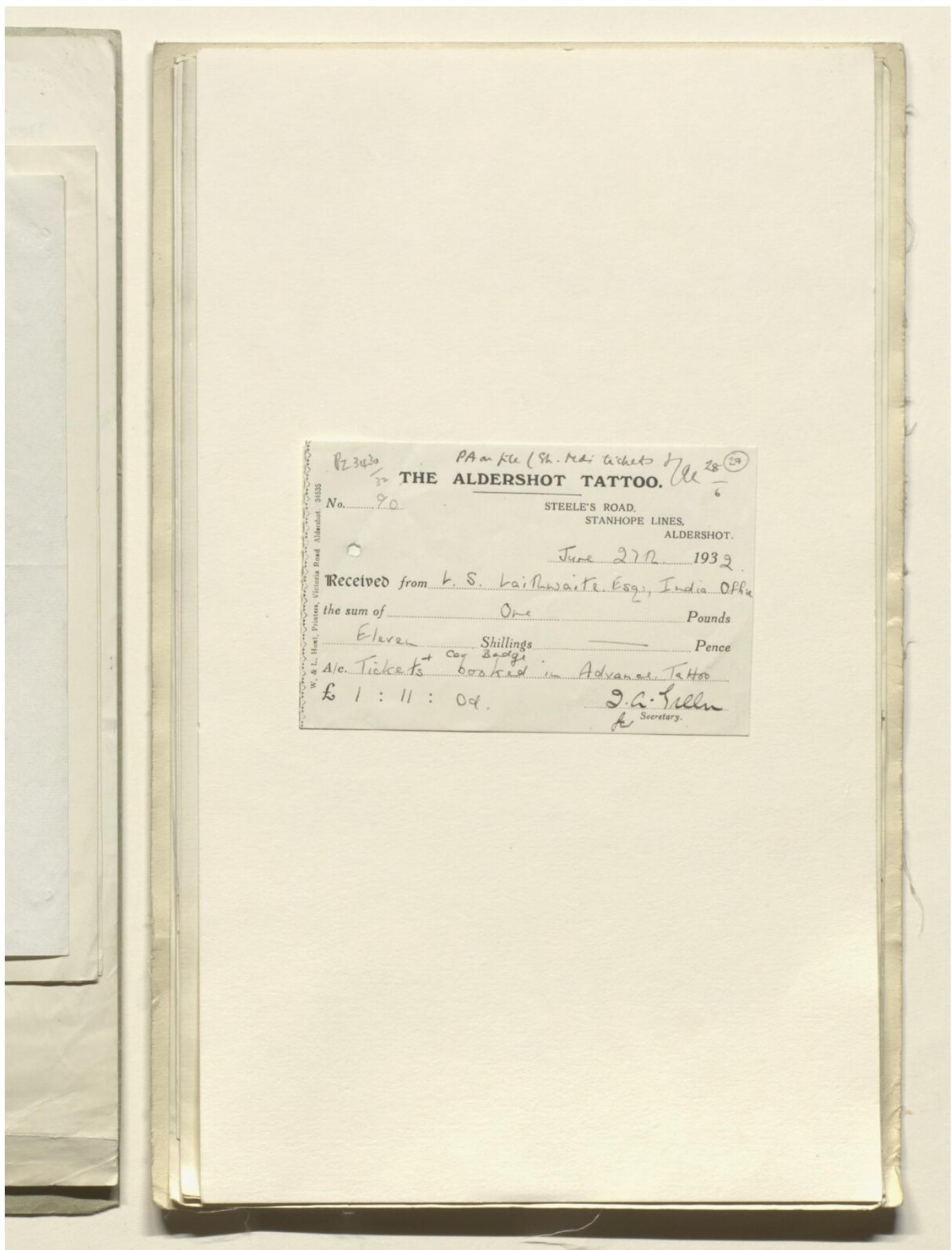
Whitehall S.W.1

R. Walton

I think we ought to pay Col. Lock's fare & from Scotland - & possibly to offer him two or three days' subsistence from 18/19 - 22<sup>nd</sup> July? We shall be putting him to some inconvenience & expense.

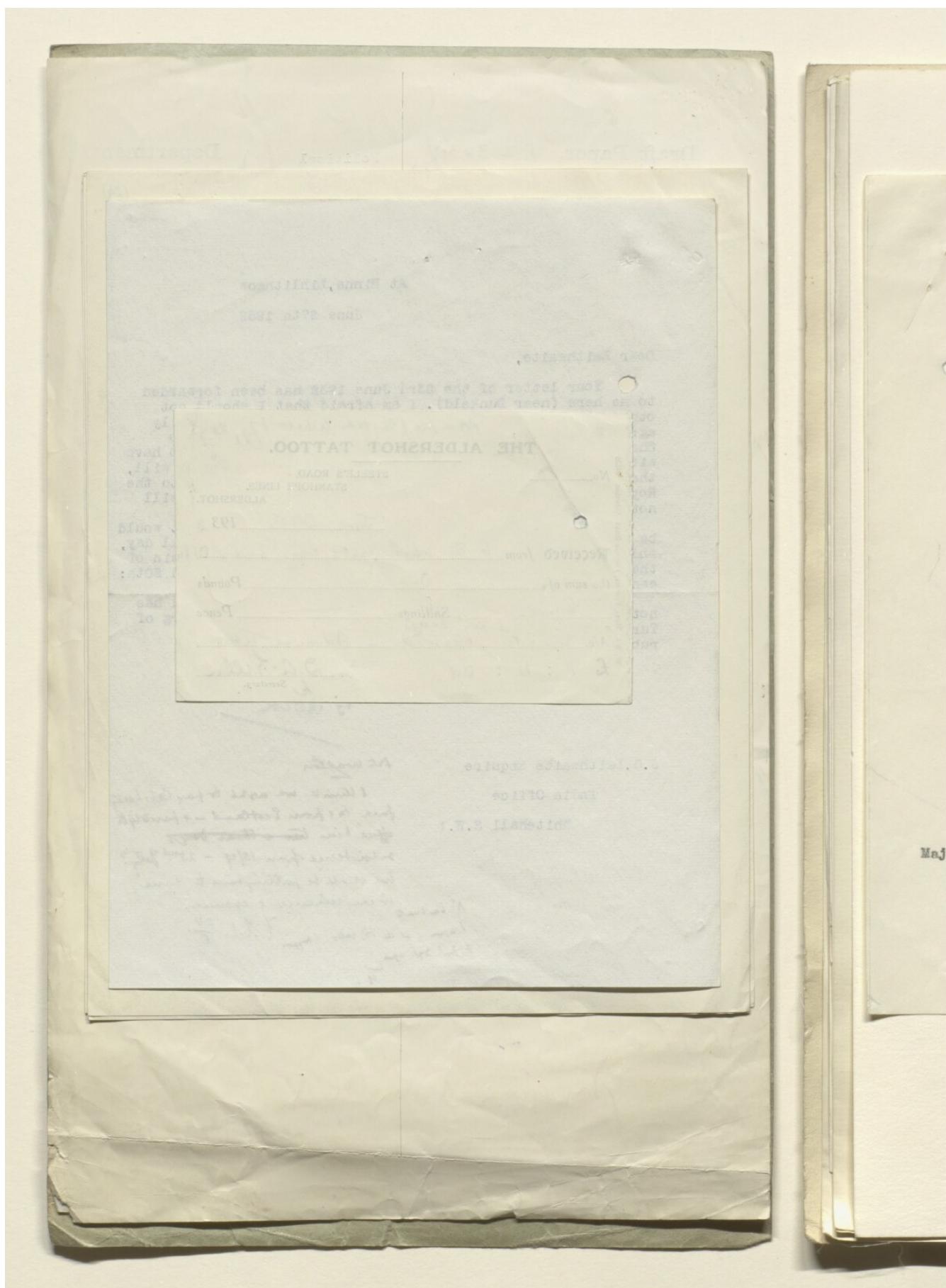
A. Laithwaite  
I agree; at the 12. rates (approx)  
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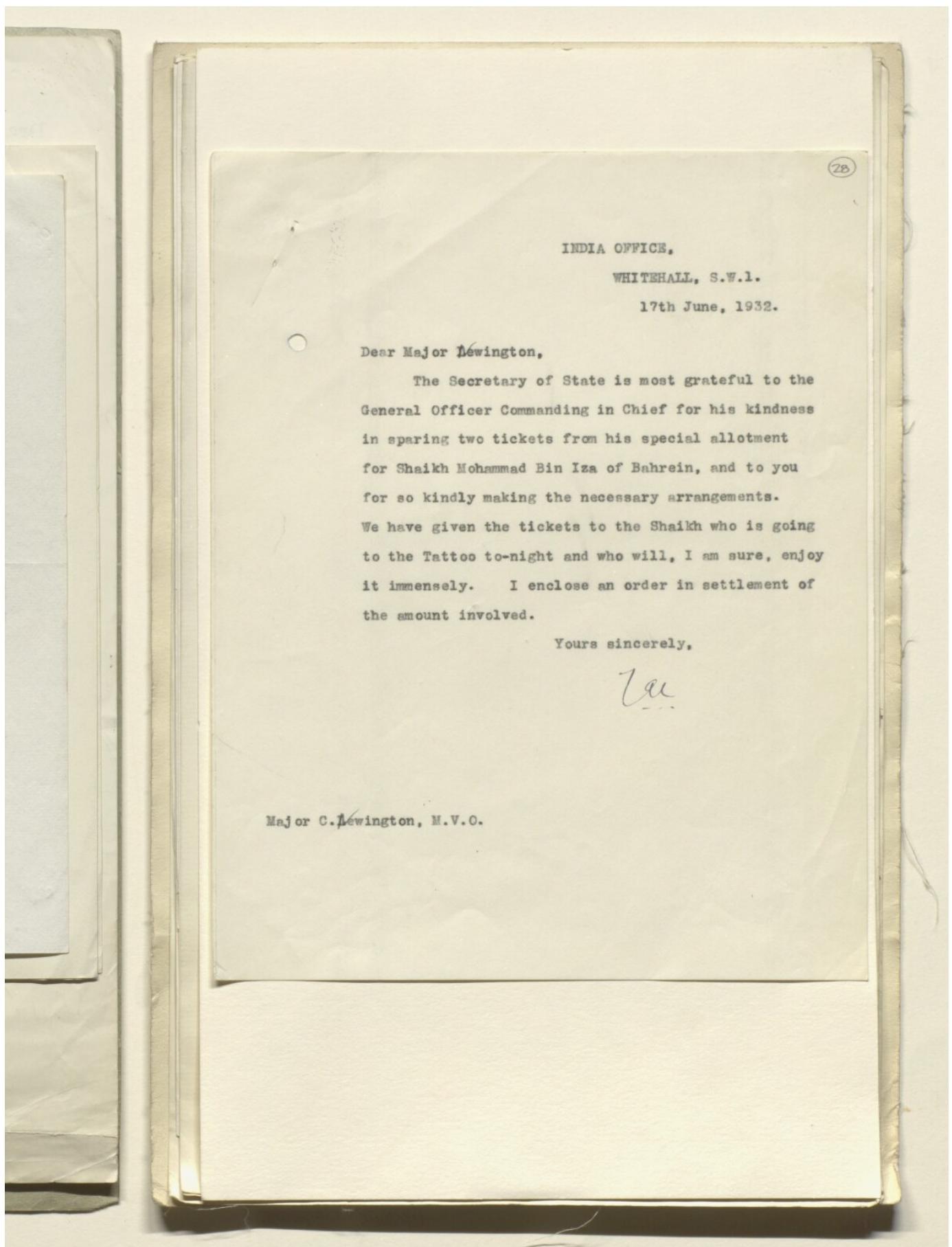






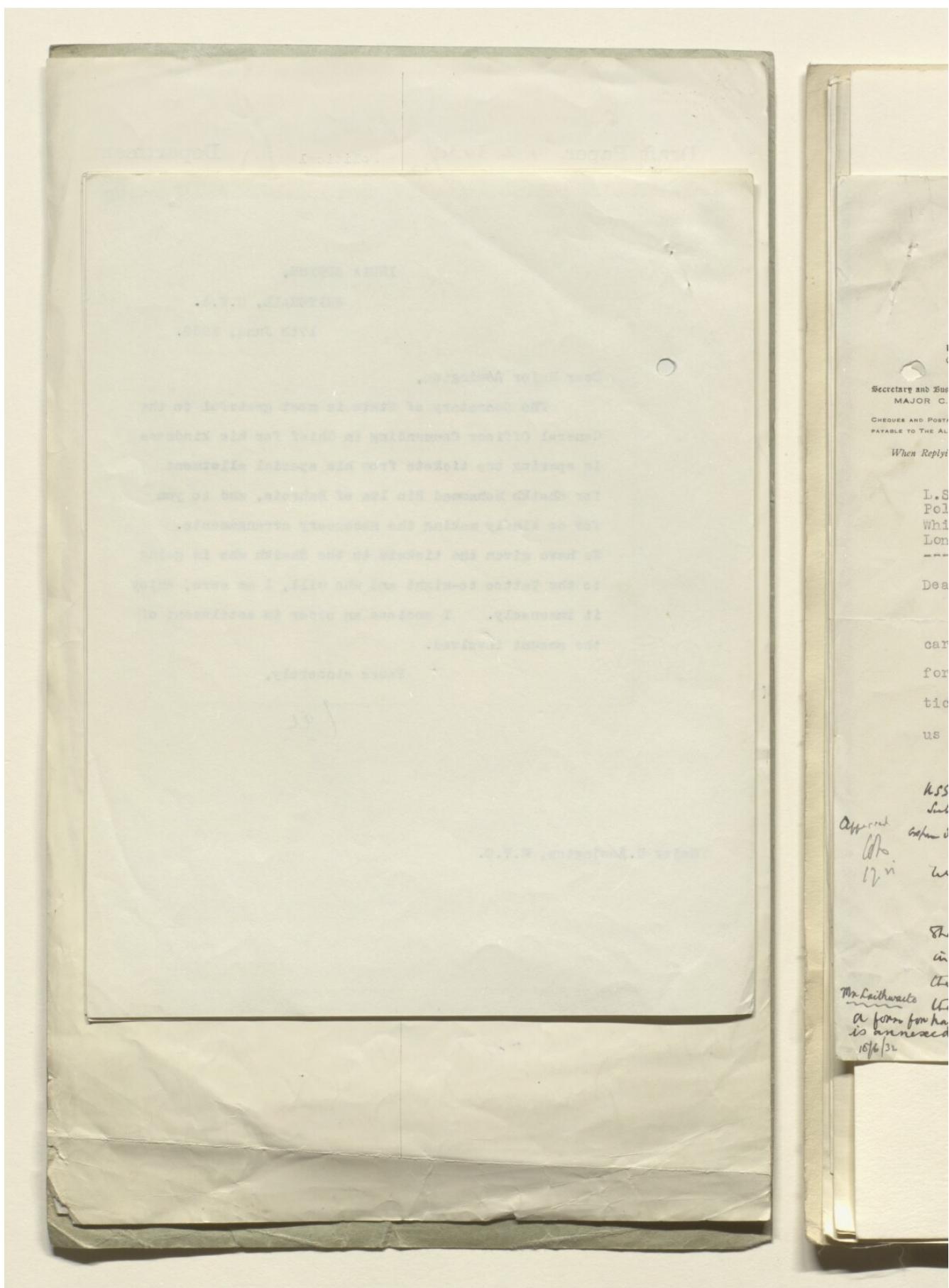
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L.S. Laithwaite Esq.,  
Political Department, India Office,  
Whitehall,  
London, S.W. 1.

Dear Mr. Laithwaite,

As requested I now send two tickets and a car badge for the brother of the Sultan of Bahrein. These are for the performance of the Tattoo on Friday 17th June and the tickets are those which the G.O.C.-in-Chief has kindly allowed us to take from his special allotment.

Acct gen R,

Yours sincerely,

Cd. I have an R.O.  
(I got it in the proper  
method for £11-1-1  
to send to  
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Chas. J. Fairbrother

18.6.32

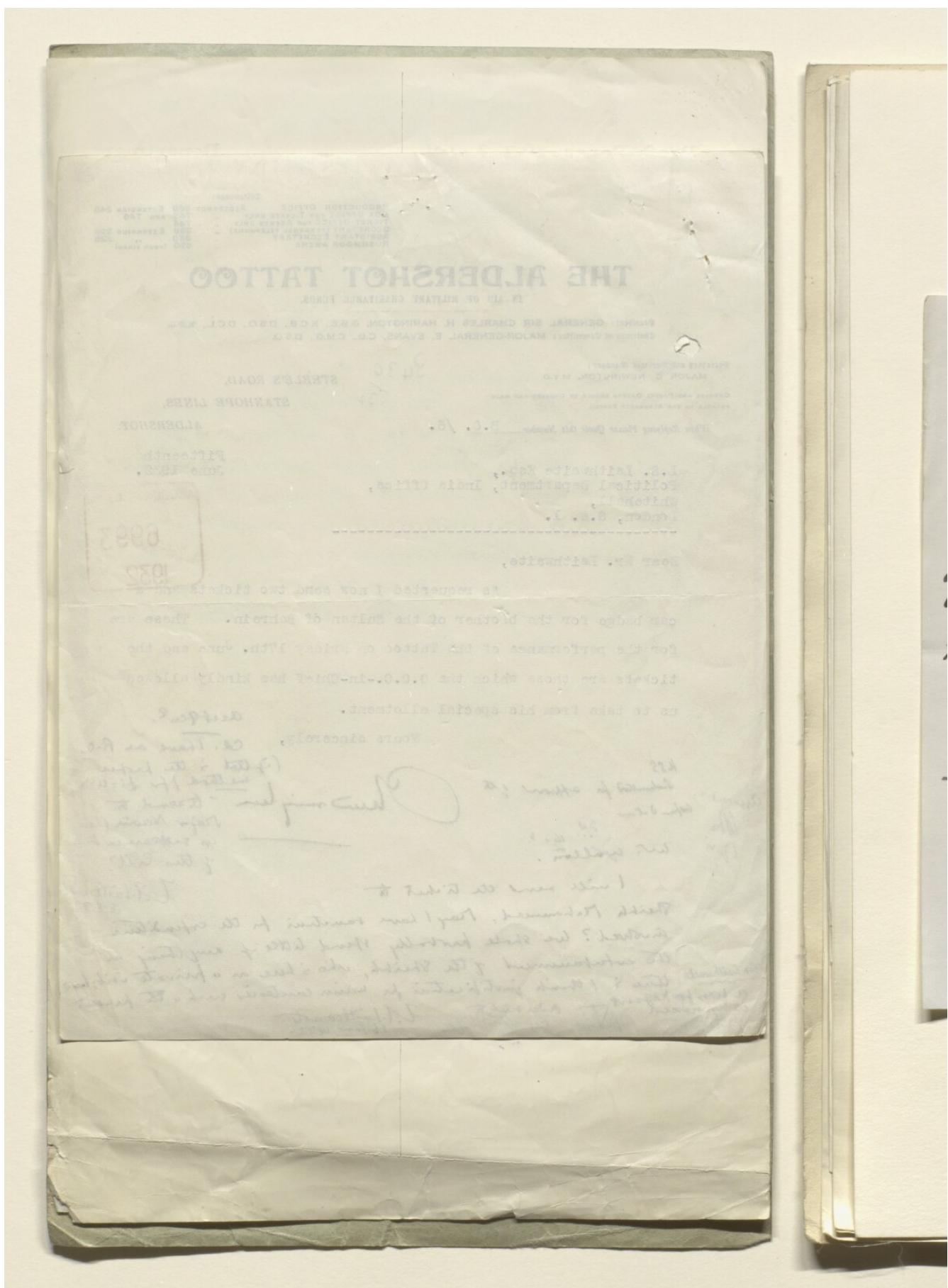
Mr. Laithwaite  
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17th June 1932  
Mr. Wallon.

I will send the ticket to

Sheikh Mohammed. May I have sanction for the expenditure involved? We shall probably stand little if anything on the entertainment of the Sheikh, who is here on a private visit, and there is I think justification for minor courtesies such as the present, a form for hazard.

is annexed  
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At your service U.G. Fairbrother  
16 June 1932.





Tuesday 12

KENSINGTON 3875.

KENSINGTON PALACE MANSIONS,  
DE VERE GARDENS, W.8.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1932

Dear Laithwait-

In continuation  
of my letter of yesterday.

I saw Shaikh Mahomed this  
morning, and told him of  
the possible invitations for  
dates after 1<sup>st</sup> July, when un-  
less he has ~~seen~~ interviewed  
him before, he will meet the  
Secretary of State at the  
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He says that he cannot  
make satisfactory plans



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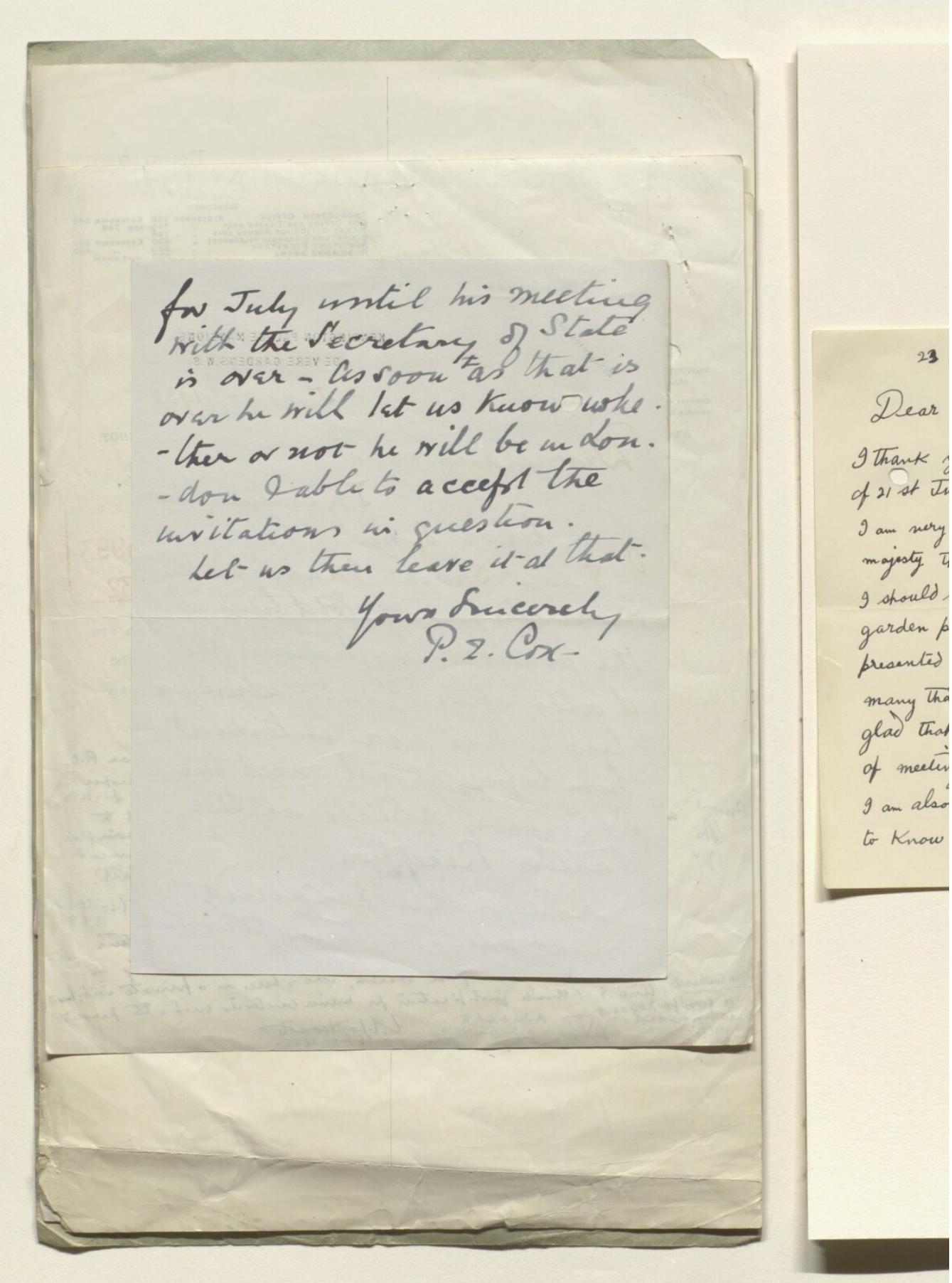
for July until his meeting  
with the Secretary of State  
is over - as soon as that is  
over he will let us know whe-  
ther or not he will be in Lon-  
don & able to accept the  
invitations in question.  
Let us then leave it at that.

Yours sincerely  
P. Z. Cox.

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23 June 1932 6. Queen's Gate

Dear Mr Saithwait!

I thank you very much for your letter of 21st June.

I am very happy to hear from you that his majesty the King has commanded that I should be invited to attend the Royal garden party on 21st July and should be presented to him.

many thanks for your efforts!! I am very glad that I shall get the great honour of meeting his majesty!

I am also looking with much pleasure to know from you on what time? I

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shall have the honour of seeing the secretary of state for India I hope you will tell me that to day or to morrow

with kind regards  
yours sincerely  
M. T. S.  
Muhammad Bin Sasa  
Al Khalifa



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Mohammed



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6-Queen's Gate S.W.7

Dear Mr Laithwait:

I have received your kind note of  
22 June enclosed badges and car  
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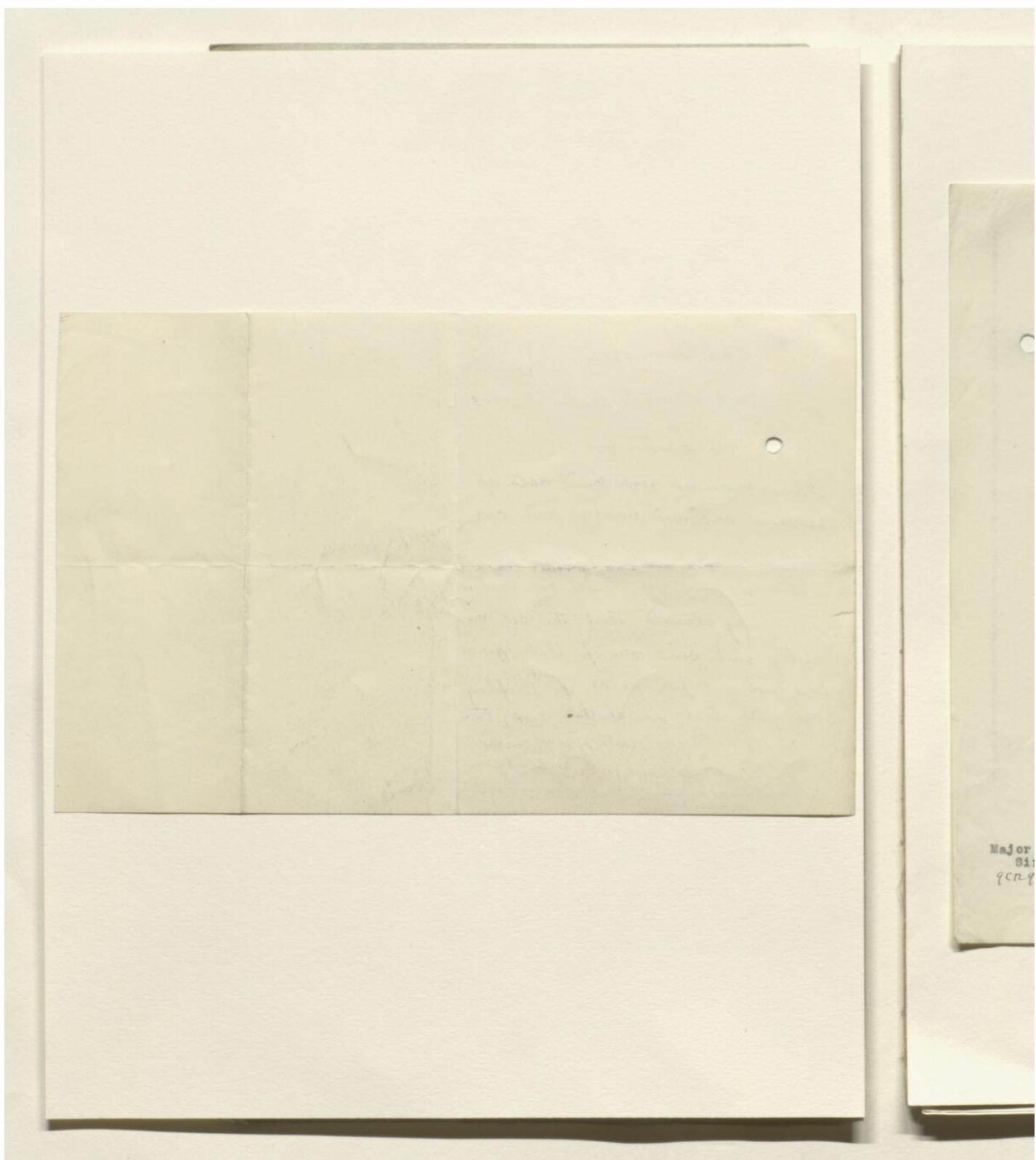
I thank you very much for that.  
I am very pleased that the air mi-  
nistry will send one of their officers  
to look out for me at the display  
I am sure that we shall be happy there  
with great regard  
Yours sincerely

Mohammed bin Issa  
Sokhalifa

حَمْلَةٌ بْنُ عَسِيرٍ الْقَلْفِيُّ



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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

21st June, 1932.

Dear Sir Percy,

It proved unfortunately impossible to arrange for Shaikh Mohammad to go to the Court owing to the shortness of notice. I have written to him to-day to say that <sup>that he is invited</sup> the King has commanded him to attend the Garden Party on 21st July and there be presented to His Majesty.

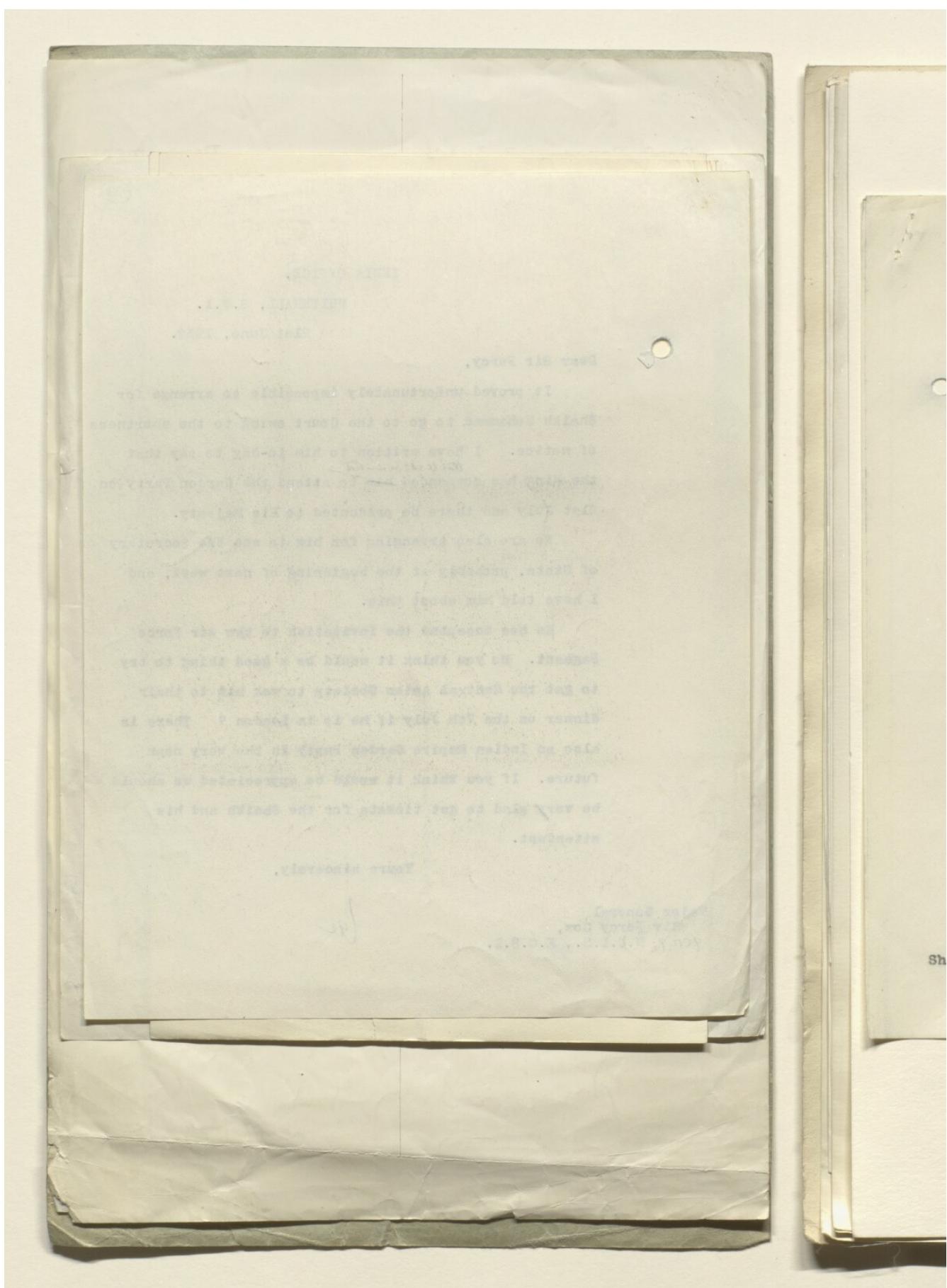
We are also arranging for him to see the Secretary of State, probably at the beginning of next week, and I have told him about this.

He has accepted the invitation to the Air Force Pageant. Do you think it would be a good thing to try to get the Central Asian Society to ask him to their dinner on the 7th July if he is in London? There is also an Indian Empire Garden Party in the very near future. If you think it would be appreciated we should be very glad to get tickets for the Shaikh and his attendant.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Major General  
Sir Percy Cox,  
G.C.B.; G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I.





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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

21st June, 1932.

Dear Shaikh Mohammad,

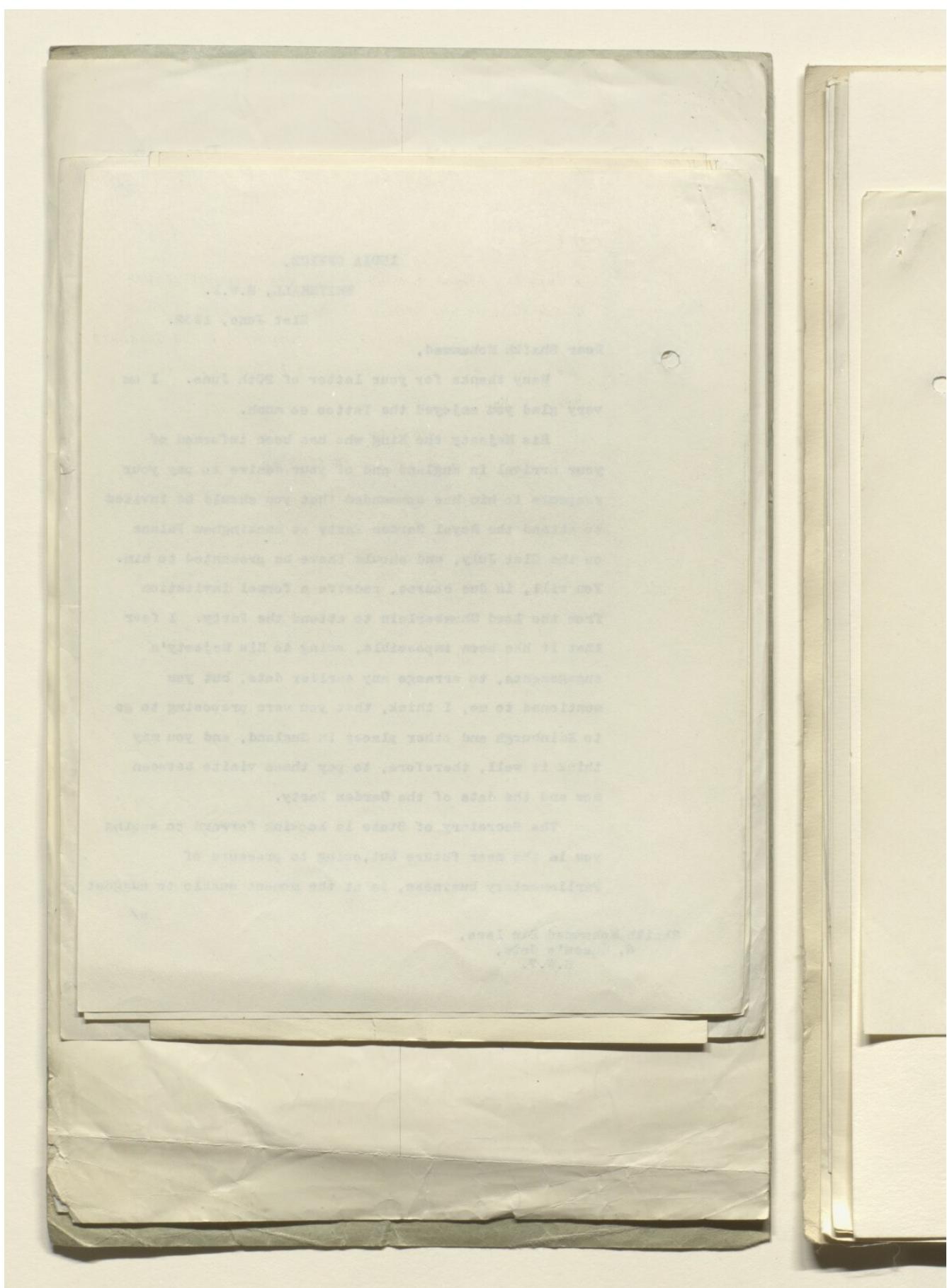
Many thanks for your letter of 20th June. I am very glad you enjoyed the Tattoo so much.

His Majesty the King who has been informed of your arrival in England and of your desire to pay your respects to him, has commanded that you should be invited to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 21st July, and should there be presented to him. You will, in due course, receive a formal invitation from the Lord Chamberlain to attend the Party. I fear that it has been impossible, owing to His Majesty's engagements, to arrange any earlier date, but you mentioned to me, I think, that you were proposing to go to Edinburgh and other places in England, and you may think it well, therefore, to pay these visits between now and the date of the Garden Party.

The Secretary of State is looking forward to seeing you in the near future but, owing to pressure of Parliamentary business, is at the moment unable to suggest

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Shaikh Mohammad Bin Issa,  
6, Queen's Gate,  
S.W.7.





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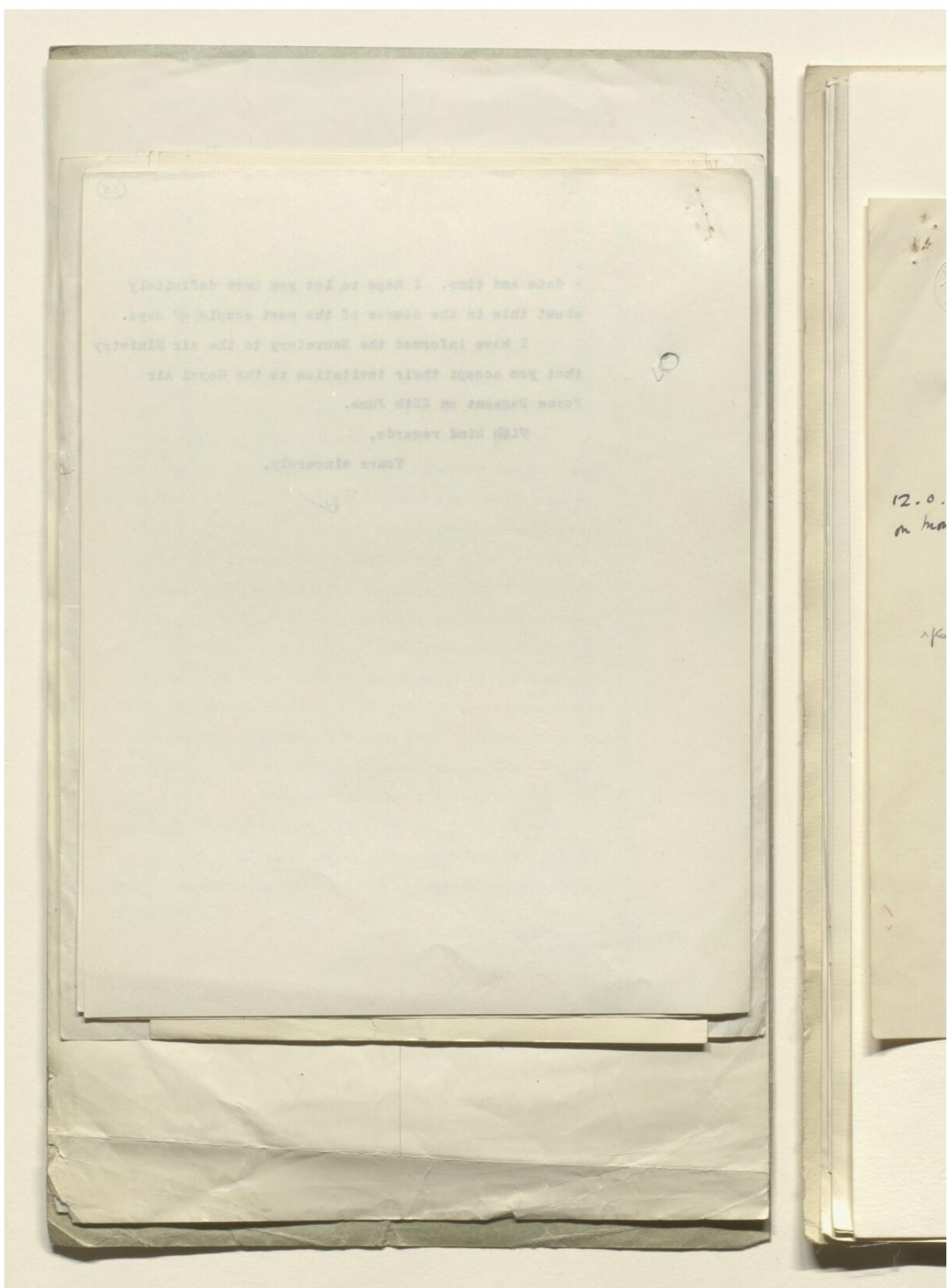
a date and time. I hope to let you know definitely about this in the course of the next couple of days.

I have informed the Secretary to the Air Ministry that you accept their invitation to the Royal Air Force Pageant on 25th June.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*W*





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I.P.O.A.D.C.

Mr. Walton,  
U.S. of S.,

I think it is desirable that the S.Y.S.  
should receive the Shaikh as soon as  
possible. There shall be no reason for him to remain  
more than a month or two. I understand that he has  
done his best to dissuade his brother.

We heard privately a few days ago through the G.O.

Hejaz Legation that Shaikh Muhammad Bin Iza, younger  
brother of the Shaikh of Bahrein, had arrived in

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on Mon. 27<sup>th</sup>

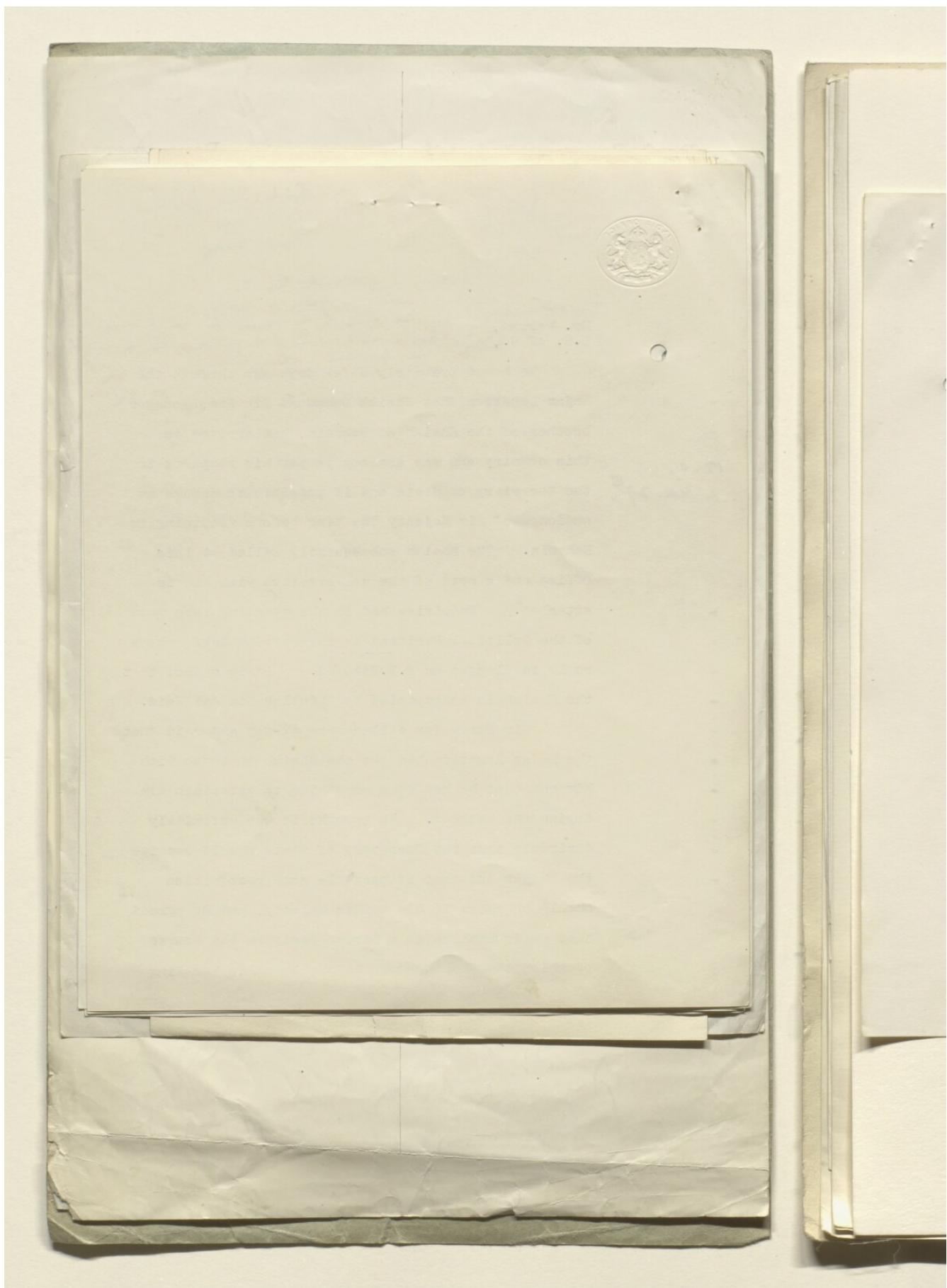
this country and was anxious to pay his respects to  
the Secretary of State and if possible to secure an  
audience of His Majesty The King before returning to  
Bahrein. The Shaikh subsequently called at this  
Office and a note of the conversation with him is  
attached. Enquiries had in the meantime been made  
of the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, whose  
reply is flagged on P.Z.3430/32. It is a fact that  
the Shaikh is accompanied by Abdullah Bin Jal Zaid.

Sir Percy Cox called here to-day and said that  
the Hejaz Legation had put the Shaikh in touch with  
him and that he had done something to entertain him  
during the weekend. He thought it was definitely  
desirable that the Secretary of State should receive  
the Shaikh and that if possible some recognition  
should be shown to him by His Majesty, and he agreed  
that an invitation to a Garden Party in the course  
of which the Shaikh could be presented to The King

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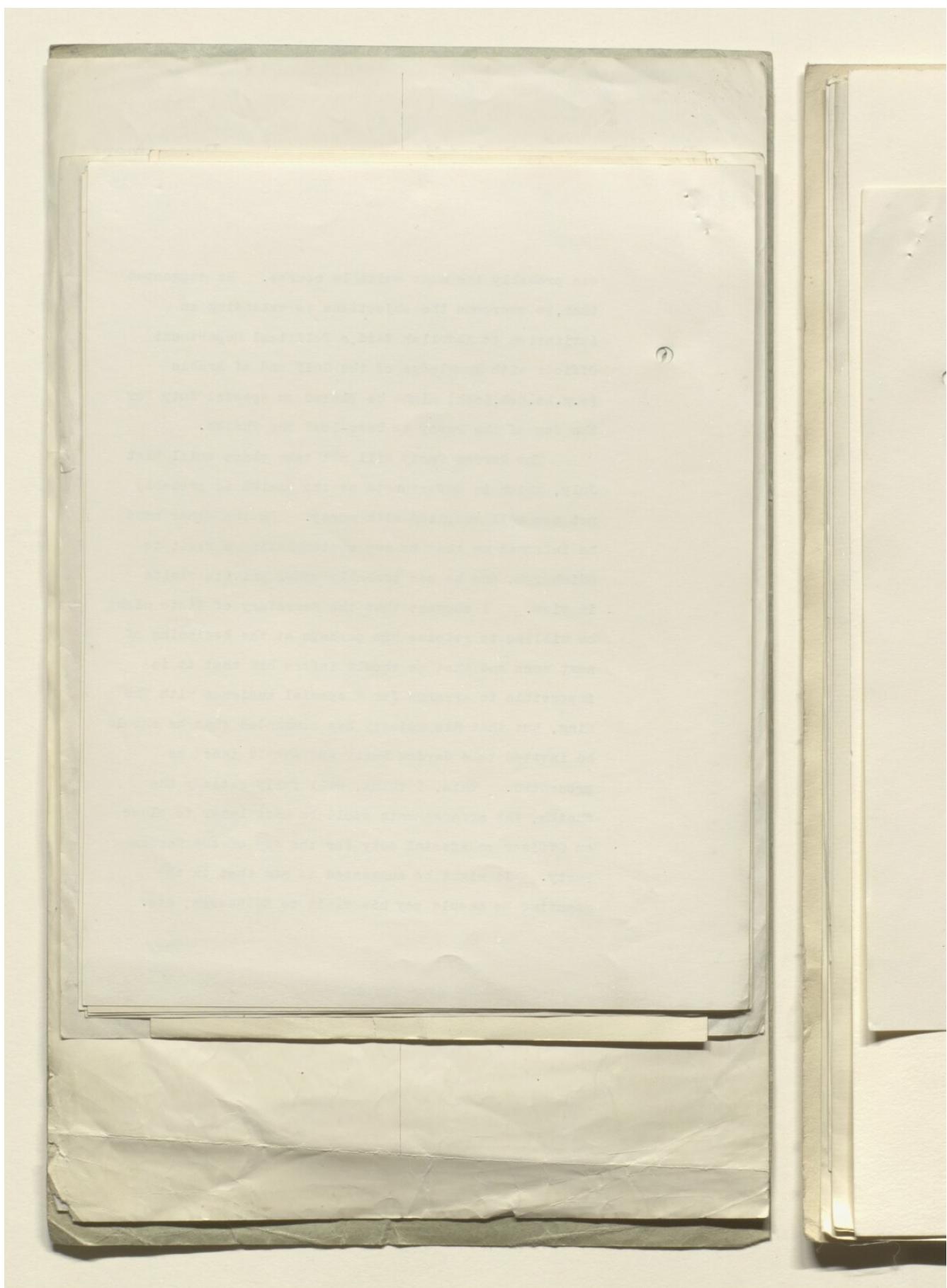
was probably the most suitable course. He suggested that, to overcome the objections to extending an invitation to Abdullah Zaid, a Political Department Officer with knowledge of the Gulf and of Arabic (e.g. Lt. Col. Loch) might be placed on special duty for the day of the Party to bear-lead the Shaikh.

The Garden Party will not take place until 21st July, which is unfortunate as the Shaikh is probably not too well supplied with money. On the other hand he informed me that he was contemplating a visit to Edinburgh, and he has probably other private visits in view. I suggest that the Secretary of State might be willing to receive him perhaps at the beginning of next week and that we should inform him that it is impossible to arrange for a special audience with The King, but that His Majesty has commanded that he should be invited to a Garden Party and should there be presented. This, I think, will fully satisfy the Shaikh, and arrangements could be made later to place an Officer on special duty for the day of the Garden Party. It might be suggested to him that in the meantime he should pay his visit to Edinburgh, etc.

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The Shaikh knows practically no English and if the Secretary of State is to receive him an interpreter will be necessary. Abdullah Zaid is apparently acting as a sort of A.D.C. There might be no objection to permitting him to be present solely for the purpose of interpreting on the occasion of the interview. There would, of course, be no question of granting him the recognition involved in an invitation to the Garden Party.

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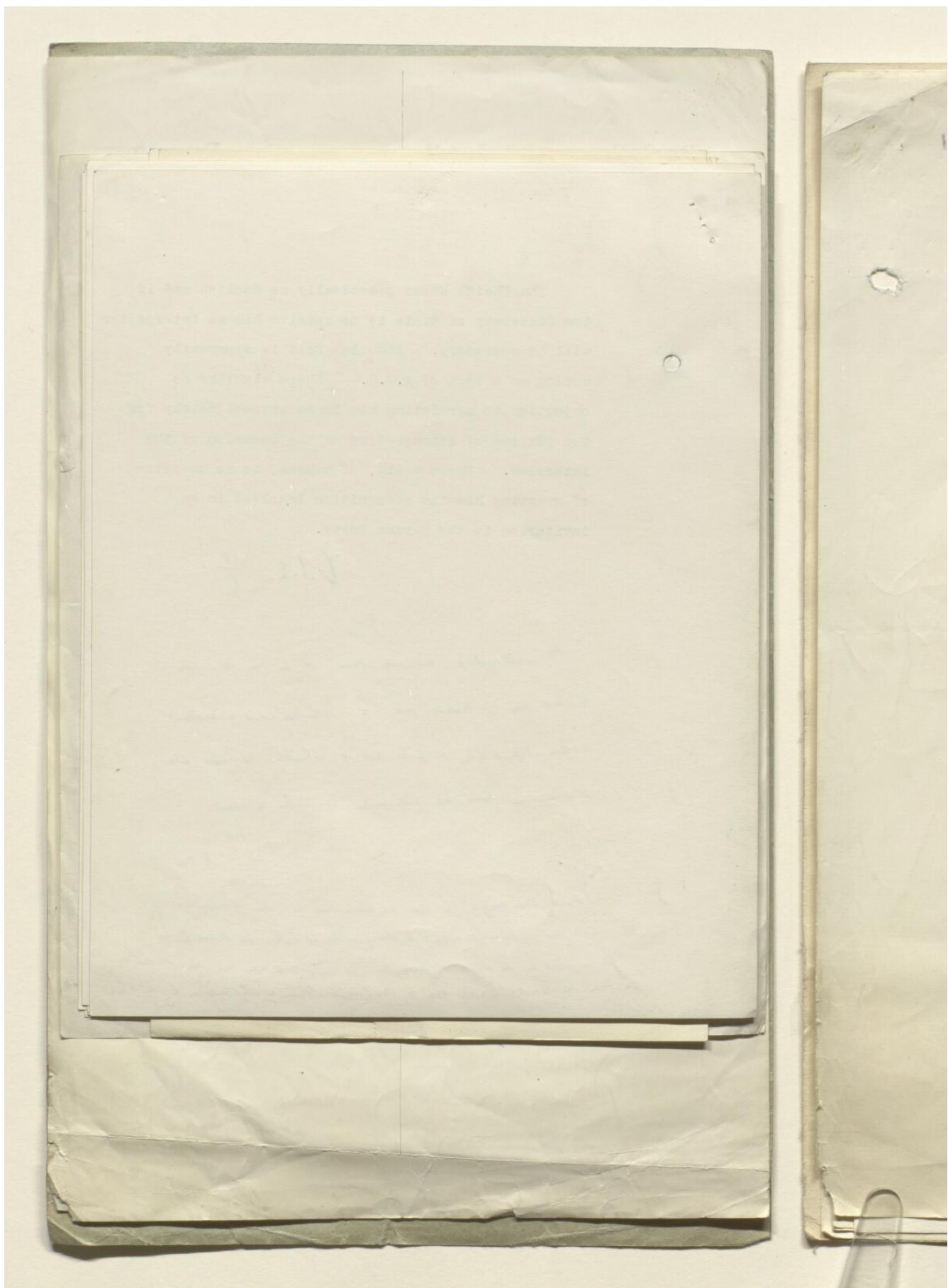
M: Last night's notes seem to be on the whole to be very p. dealing with the situation which is rendered rather difficult by the fact that the Sheikh's relation who accompanies him as interpreter is under a cloud.

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I am arranging for an audience for the Garden Party -  
as an interim work in hand. I know little about him & his  
Interpreter is also a problem so as to get him an audience  
as soon as the Sheikh comes back from America & the Party.  
S.B. Patten. 14.6.



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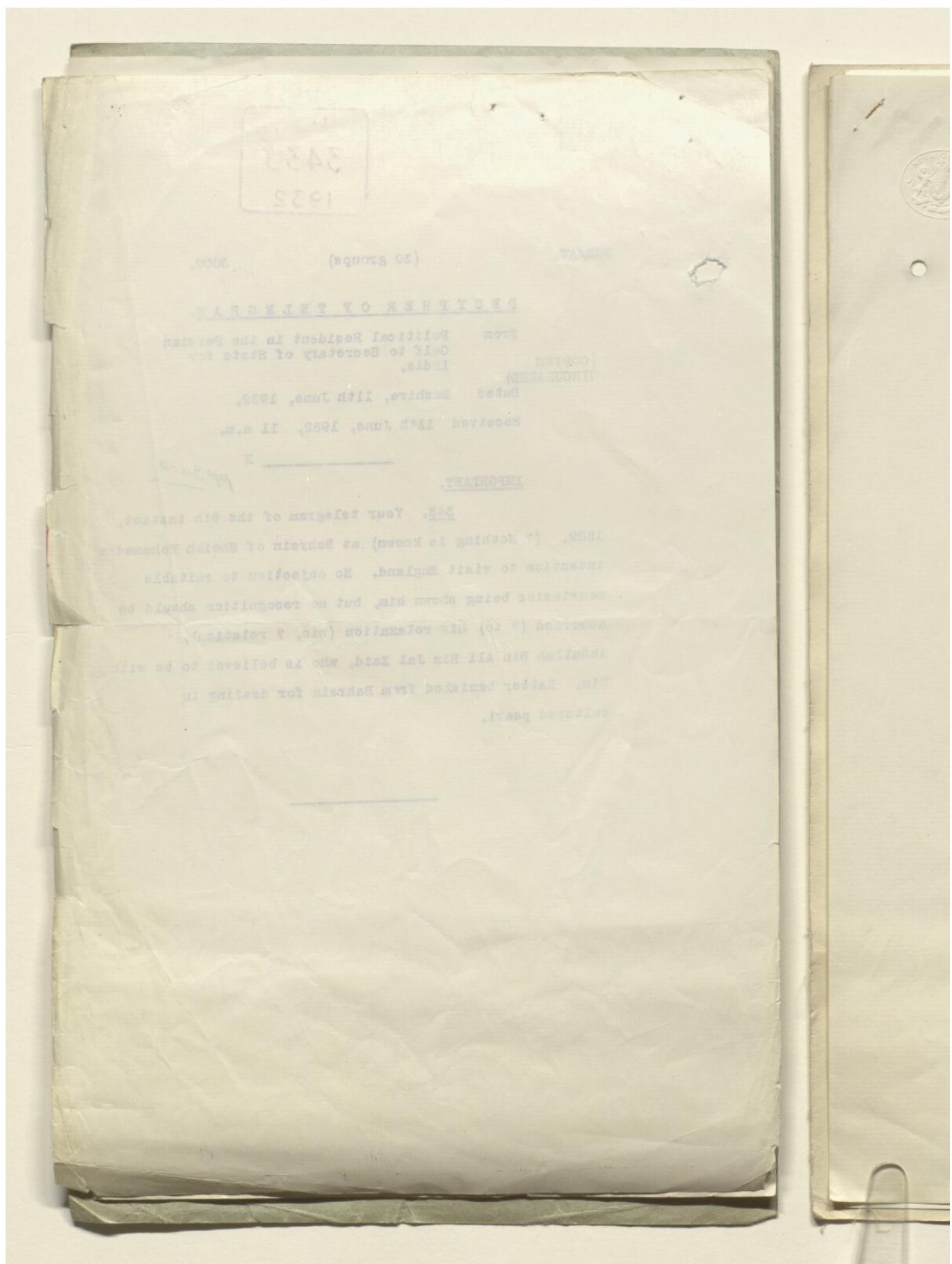
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343. Your telegram of the 9th instant, 1589. (? Nothing is known) at Bahrein of Sheikh Mohamed's intention to visit England. No objection to suitable courtesies being shown him, but no recognition should be accorded (? to) his relaxation (sic, ? relation), Abdullah Bin Ali Bin Jal Zaid, who is believed to be with him. Latter banished from Bahrein for dealing in cultured pearl.





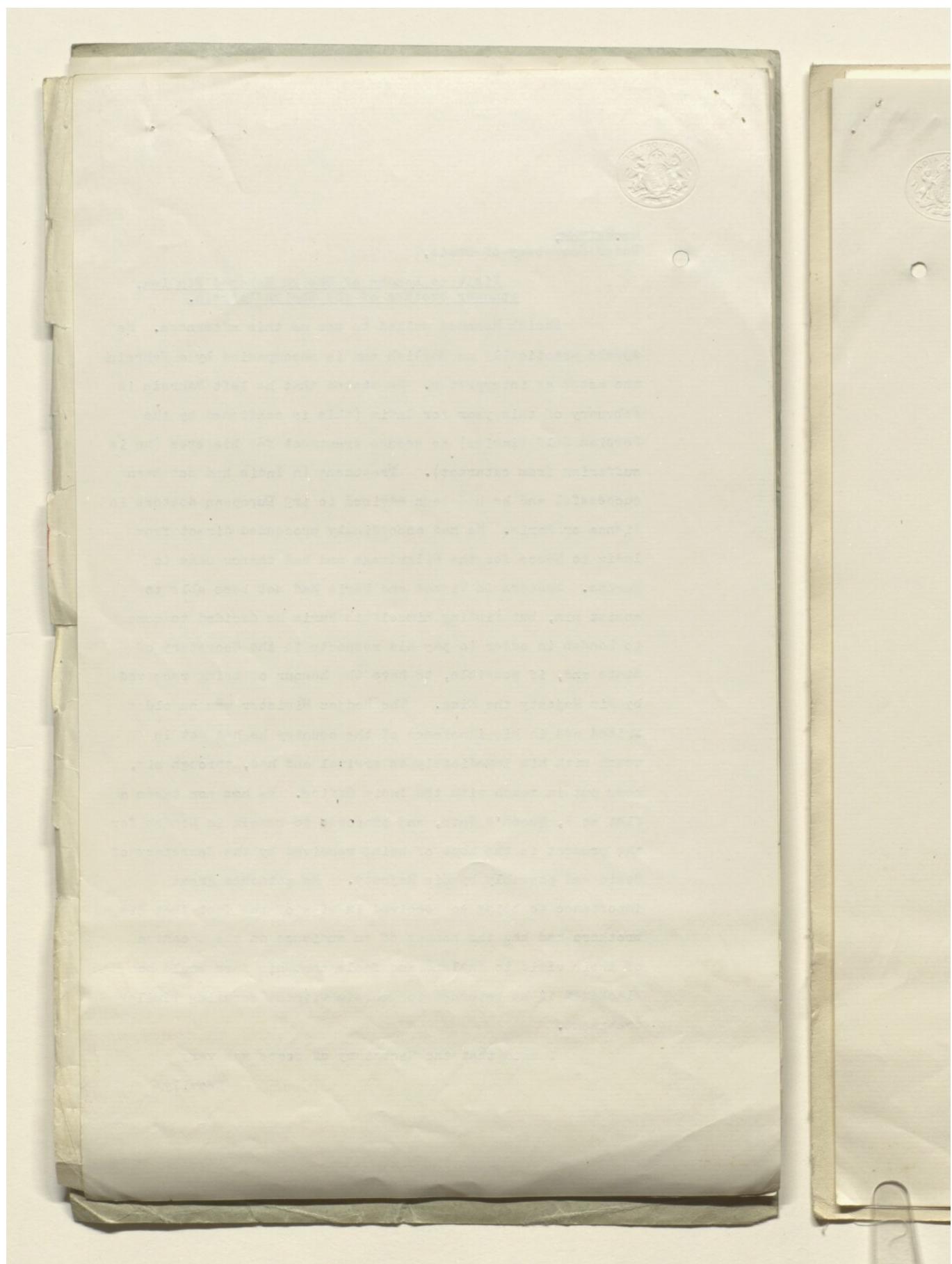
Mr. Walton,  
Under Secretary of State,

Visit to London of Sheikh Mohamed Bin Isa,  
younger brother of the Sheikh Bahrein.

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Sheikh Mohamed called to see me this afternoon. He speaks practically no English and is accompanied by a Bahreini who acted as interpreter. He stated that he left Bahrein in February of this year for India (this is confirmed by the Persian Gulf Diaries) to secure treatment for his eyes (he is suffering from cataract). Treatment in India had not been successful and he had been advised to try European doctors in Vienna or Paris. He had accordingly proceeded direct from India to Mecca for the Pilgrimage and had thence come to Europe. Doctors in Vienna and Paris had not been able to assist him, but finding himself in Paris he decided to come to London in order to pay his respects to the Secretary of State and, if possible, to have the honour of being received by His Majesty the King. The Hedjaz Minister was an old friend and in his ignorance of the country he had got in touch with him immediately on arrival and had, through him, been put in touch with the India Office. He has now taken a flat at 6, Queen's Gate, and proposes to remain in London for the present in the hope of being received by the Secretary of State and possibly by His Majesty. He attaches great importance to being so received in view of the fact that his brothers had had the honour of an audience on the occasion of their visit to England and feels that his face would be blackened if he returned to Bahrein without securing similar treatment.

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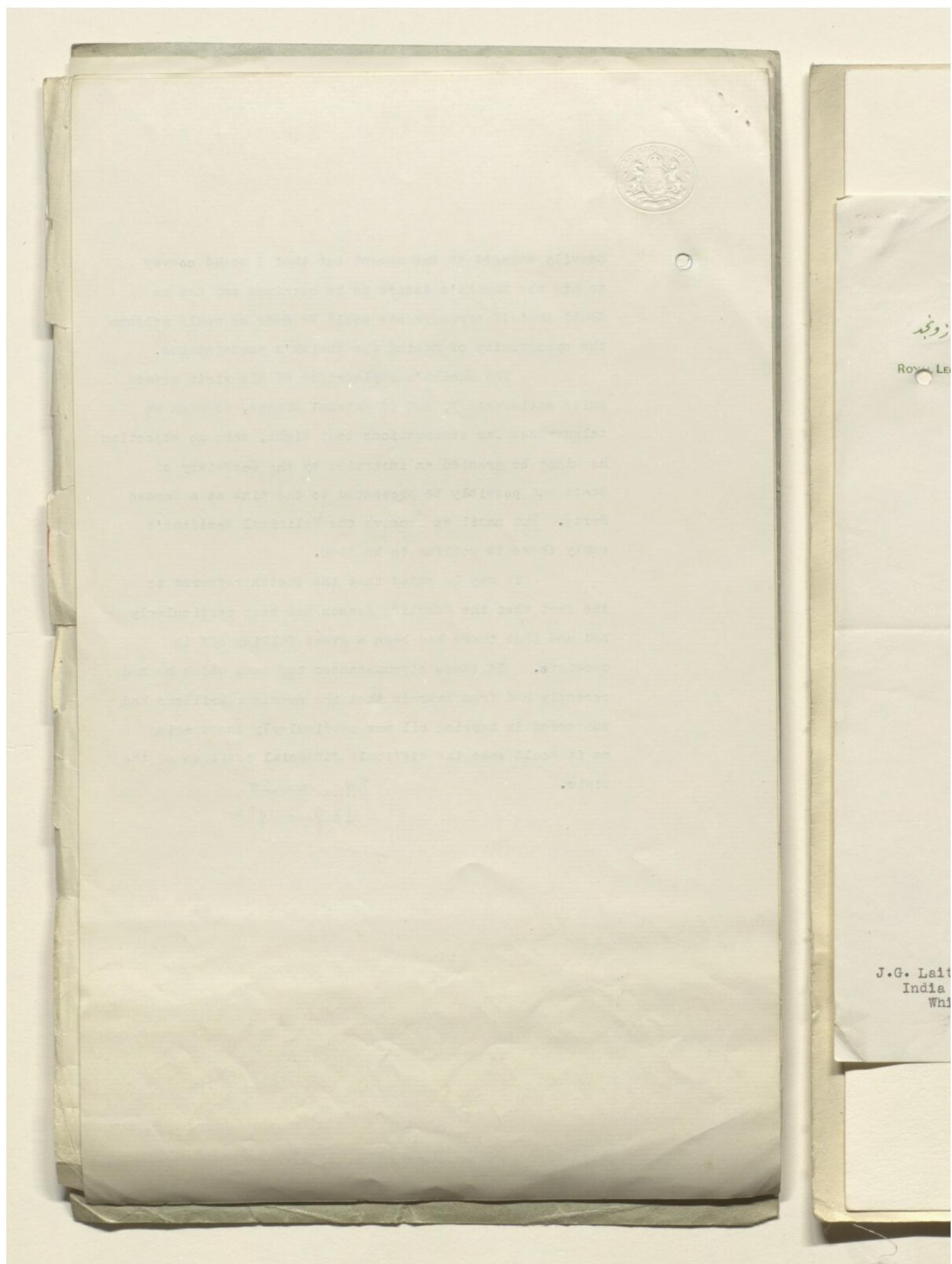
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heavily engaged at the moment but that I would convey to him the Sheikh's desire to be received and had no doubt that if arrangements could be made he would welcome the opportunity of making the Sheikh's acquaintance.

The Sheikh's explanation of his visit seemed quite satisfactory, and if Colonel Biscoe, to whom we telegraphed for observations last night, sees no objection he might be granted an interview by the Secretary of State and possibly be presented to the King at a Garden Party. But until we receive the Political Resident's reply there is nothing to be done.

It may be added that the Sheikh referred to the fact that the Pearling Season had been particularly bad and that there had been a great falling off in receipts. In these circumstances the news which he had recently had from Bahrein that the American Drillers had succeeded in tapping oil was particularly encouraging as it would ease the difficult financial position of the State.

*J.A. Laithewaite  
16 June 1932*





الغرضية للملك عبد العزيز  
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ROYAL LEGATION OF HEDJAZ & NEJD,  
LONDON.

42, EATON PLACE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

10th June, 1932.

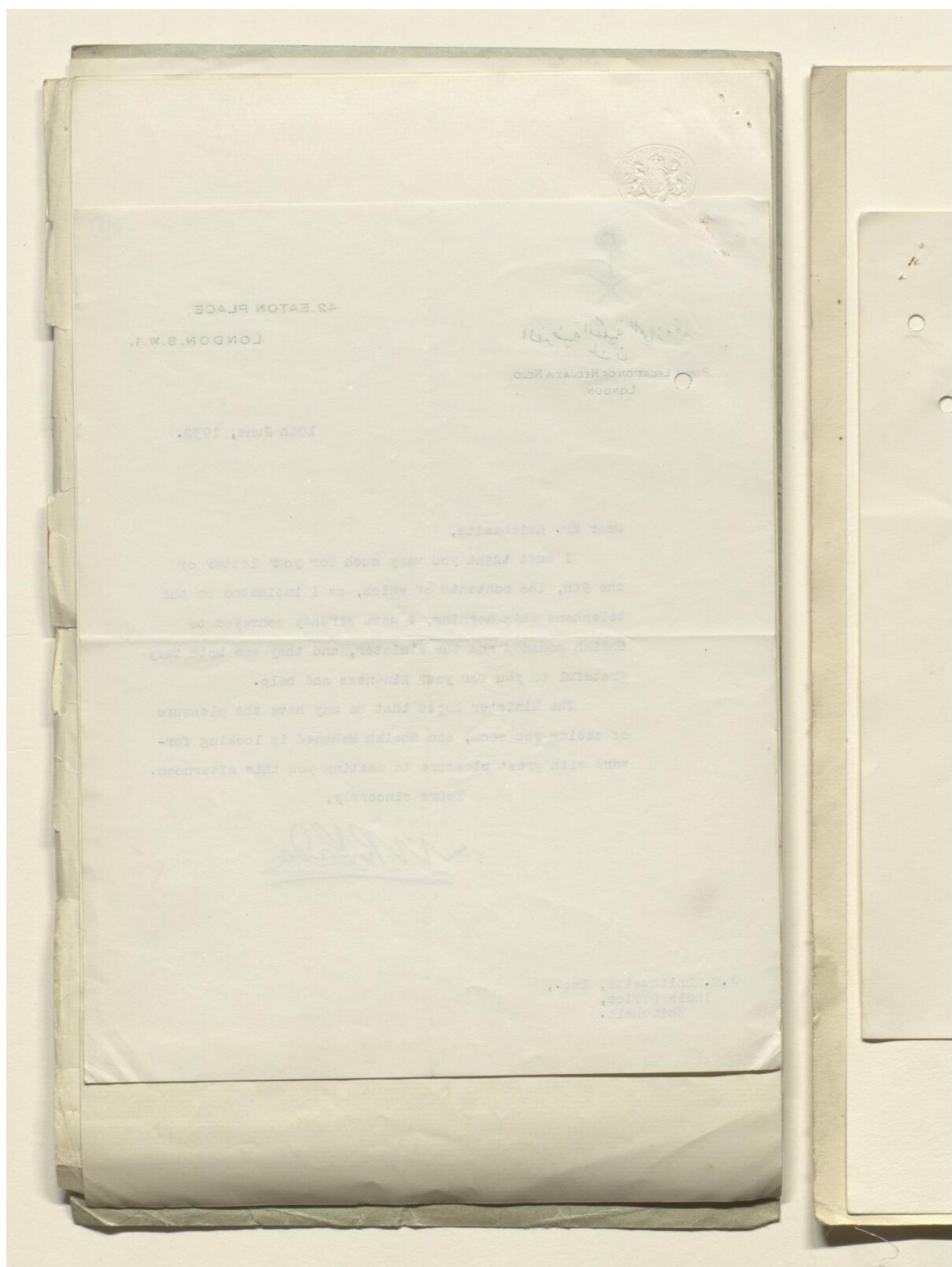
Dear Mr. Laithwaite,

I must thank you very much for your letter of the 9th, the contents of which, as I intimated on the telephone this morning, I have already conveyed to Sheikh Mohamed and the Minister, and they are both very grateful to you for your kindness and help.

The Minister hopes that he may have the pleasure of seeing you soon, and Sheikh Mohamed is looking forward with great pleasure to meeting you this afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

J.G. Laithwaite, Esq.,  
India Office,  
Whitehall.





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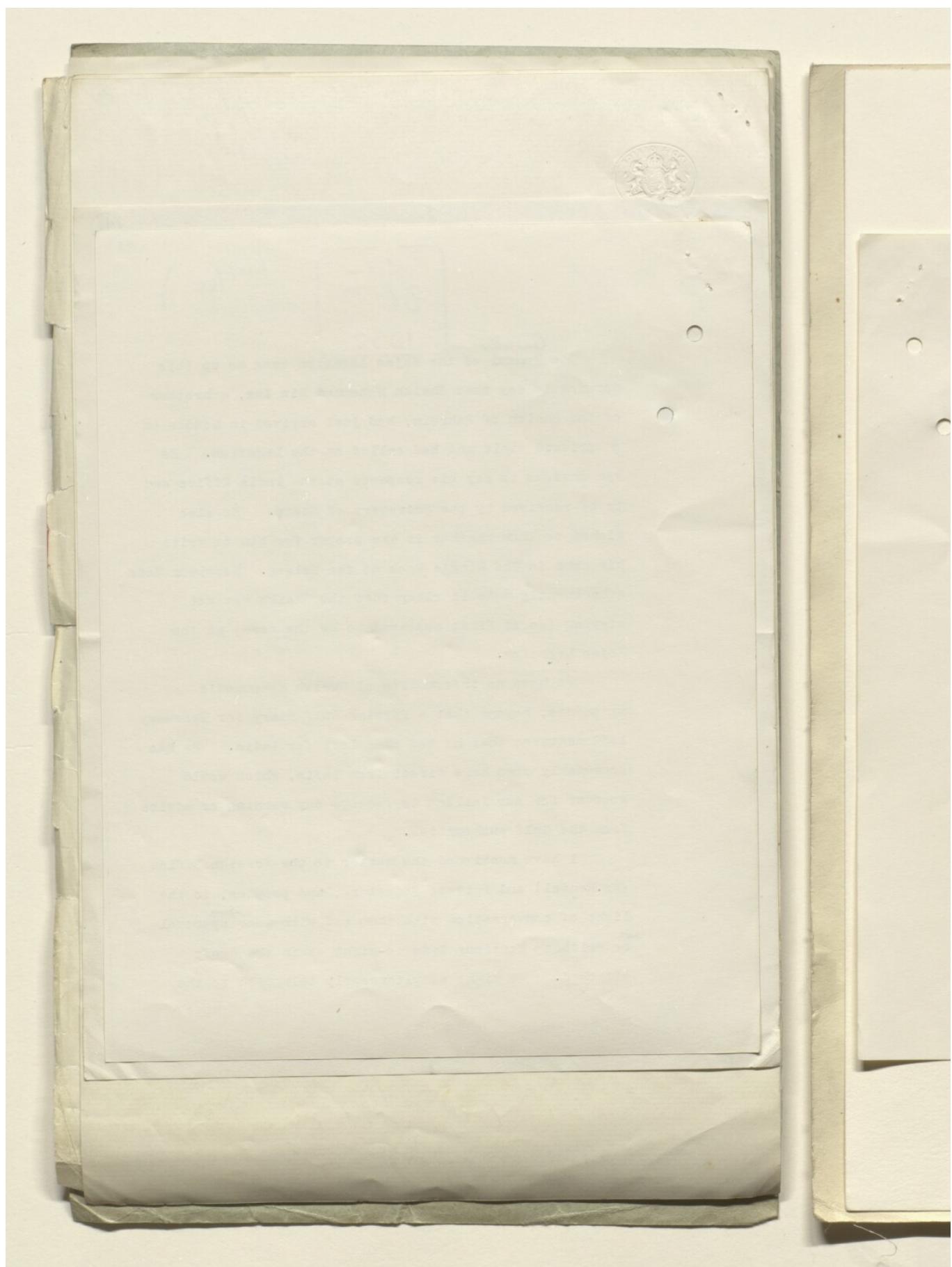
Counsellor

The ~~Counselor~~ of the Hejaz Legation rang me up this morning to say that Shaikh Mohammad Bin Iza, a brother of the Shaikh of Bahrein, had just arrived in London on a private visit and had called at the Legation. He was anxious to pay his respects at the India Office and to be received by the Secretary of State. He also wished to know whether it was proper for him to write his name in The King's Book at the Palace. Monsieur Zada subsequently made it clear that the Shaikh was not staying (as at first appeared to be the case) at the Hejaz Legation.

We have no information of Shaikh Mohammad's movements, beyond that a Persian Gulf Diary for February 1932 mentions that he had then left for India. He has presumably come here direct from India, which would account for our failing to receive any warning or advice from the Gulf authorities.

I have mentioned the matter to the Foreign Office (Mr. Rendel) and Private Secretary, and propose, in the light of conversation with them and with <sup>Urgent</sup> ~~your~~ approval <sup>Urgent</sup> leave ~~to write~~ to Monsieur Zada to-night as in the draft attached. We might simultaneously telegraph to the

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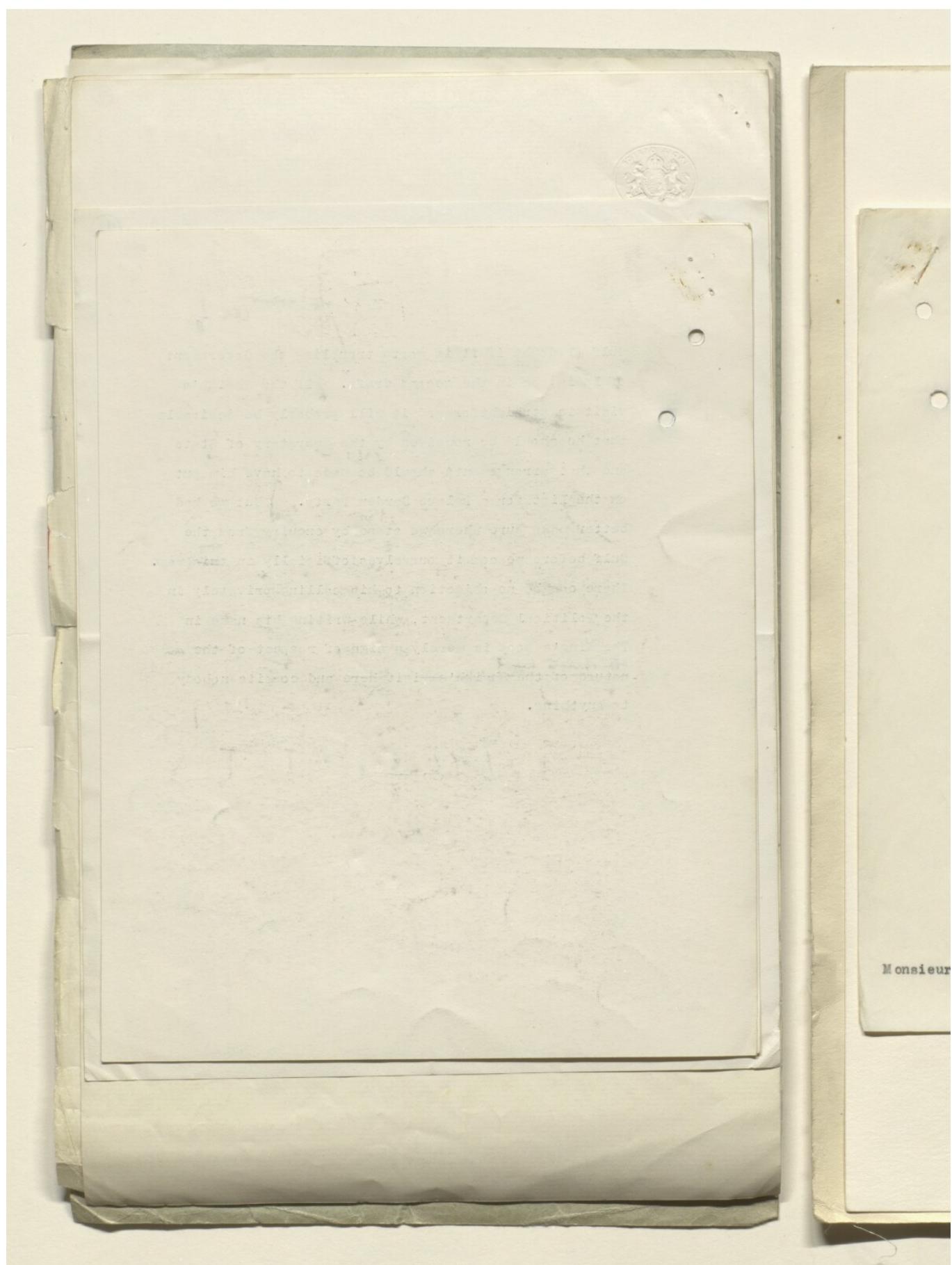


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Gulf (I doubt if it is worth troubling the Government of India) as in the second draft. If the Shaikh's visit is straightforward it will probably be desirable that he should be received by the Secretary of State and that arrangements should be made to have him put on the List for a Palace Garden Party. But we had better make sure where we stand by enquiry from the Gulf before we commit ourselves officially in ~~any~~ way. There can be no objection to his calling privately in the Political Department, while writing his name in The King's Book is merely a sign of respect of ~~the on other hand~~ kind nature of the Shaikh's visit here and commits nobody to anything.

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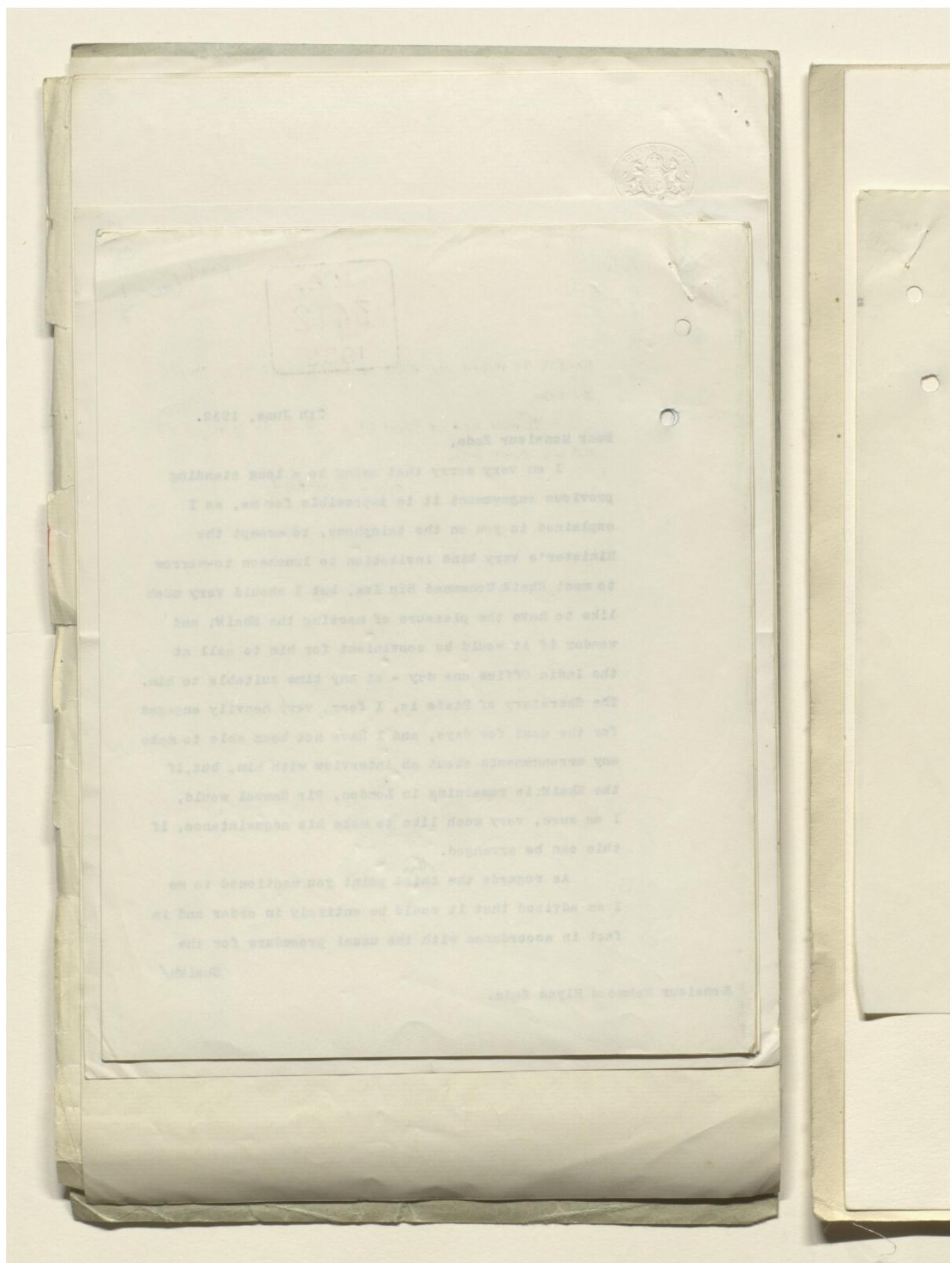
Dear Monsieur Zada,

I am very sorry that owing to a long standing previous engagement it is impossible for me, as I explained to you on the telephone, to accept the Minister's very kind invitation to luncheon to-morrow to meet Shaikh Mohammad Bin Iza, but I should very much like to have the pleasure of meeting the Shaikh, and wonder if it would be convenient for him to call at the India Office one day - at any time suitable to him. The Secretary of State is, I fear, very heavily engaged for the next few days, and I have not been able to make any arrangements about an interview with him, but, if the Shaikh is remaining in London, Sir Samuel would, I am sure, very much like to make his acquaintance, if this can be arranged.

As regards the third point you mentioned to me I am advised that it would be entirely in order and in fact in accordance with the usual procedure for the

Shaikh/

Monsieur Mahmood Riyad Zada.





Shaikh to write his name in The King's Book at the Palace.

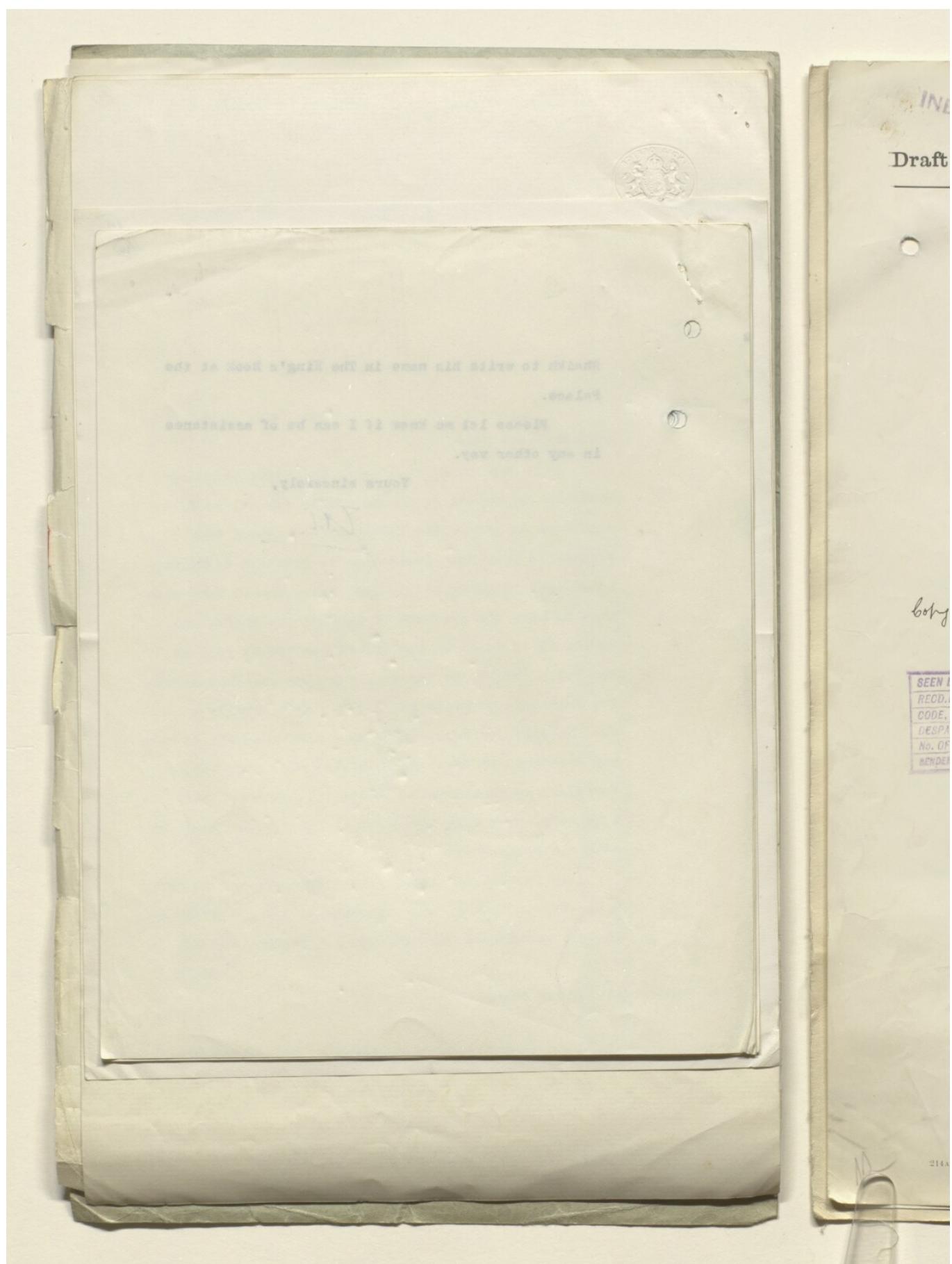
Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any other way.

Yours sincerely,

Z.A.L.



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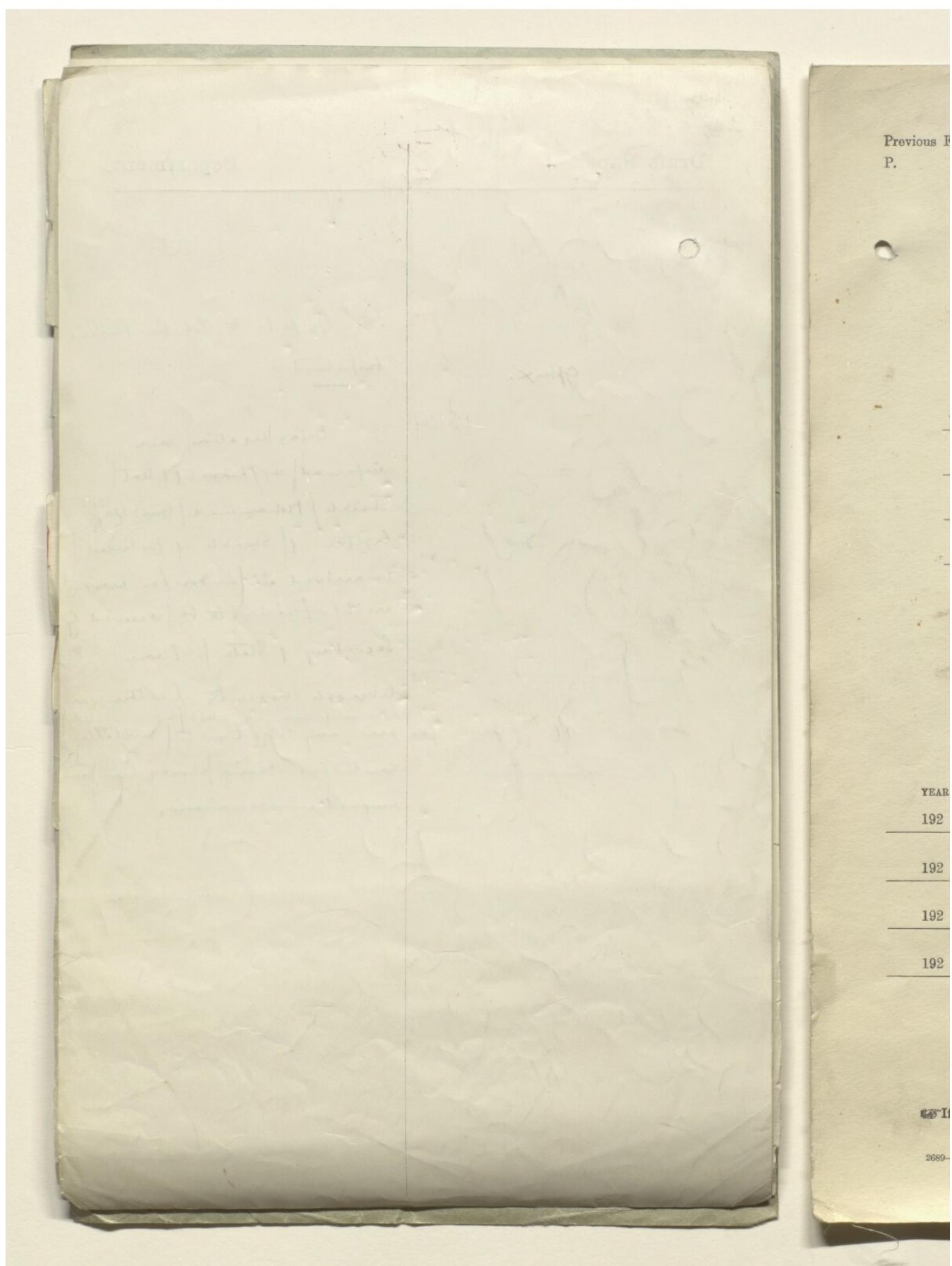
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